

BELEN, 1907 — Old-timers of Belen should recognize this scene of Dalies Ave., when it was known as Coronado Ave. In the background is the Old Becker store, facing the west-bound street, with the water tank barely visible behind it. The old Feil homestead is to the right of the street, although it is now owned by L. I. Brown.



CHANGING TIMES — The old Santa Fe Round House was quite an imposing and impressive place when this picture was taken in 1907. The Roundhouse still stands, although it has undergone extensive remodeling.

These two pictures of early Belen scenes were donated to the paper by Mrs. Ola Keeney, 600 N. Fourth. Mrs. Keeney's brother-in-law, Cecil Wilson of Truth or Consequences, is a collector of old stamps and pictures, and these he passed on to her. The postcards were addressed to Otto Goetz, one-time mayor of T. or C.

April 7, 1955

OFF the BEATEN PATH



By

HOWARD BRYAN

Editors Note: This is the second of two columns on some of the history of Belen.

During the early 1800's Belen, like Albuquerque, was divided into two settlements, known as Old Town and New Town.

Old Town, the original settlement, was located near the river bank and was the site of the first church in Belen. The area along the northeastern fringe of present Belen, east of the railroad tracks, is still known as Old Town.

New Town sprang up in the early 1800's about a mile or two to the west of Old Town, or where downtown Belen is today. The first settlers of New Town included the Baca family, which was to remain one of the most influential families of Belen for many years.

There was quite a bit of rivalry between the residents of old and new Belen, and this rivalry came to a head in 1855 when the church in Old Town was wrecked by a flood.

Rev. Fr. E. Paulet, a French priest, arrived in Belen in 1856 to become pastor of the church. Seeing the ruinous condition of the church in Old Town, he announced that it would be abandoned and a new church would be erected in New Town, farther from the river where it could be in less danger from flood waters.

This decision made the residents of Old Town hopping mad. Some of them refused to attend mass in the rival settlement, and some went into the old church and took away the vestments and sacred vessels.

Archbishop J. B. Lamy, hearing of the revolt, excommunicated all those who persisted in rebuilding the old church and said he would suspend any priest who conducted services there.

Fr. Paulet, who was holding services each Sunday in the New Town home of Vicente Baca, demanded that the church ornaments be returned. This was done, and the rebels later were brought back into the good graces of the church.

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Work on the new church of Neustra Senora de Belen was started in 1858 and completed in 1860. The church bell cast in Cincinnati, was shipped to Belen over the Santa Fe Trail the following year.

The original church in Old Town was repaired later to serve as a court house in 1872—when Belen was the county seat of Valencia County. The old structure was demolished in 1884 by a heavy rain.

The old ruins were purchased in 1910 by John Becker Sr., pioneer Belen merchant, who dynamited the crumbling rock and adobe walls and used the

material as a filling for Becker Ave., which he built from the depot to his flour mill. So when you drive down Becker Ave. today you are driving over the remains of Belen's first church.

Mr. Becker, incidentally, was the first postmaster of Belen, serving from 1873 to 1913.

The church in New Town was remodeled and enlarged in 1918-19. The church, as it stands today, incorporates only the roof and tower of the earlier structure.

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The Santa Fe Railway arrived in Belen in 1880, but it did not bring the prosperity to Belen that it did to some other towns along the way. Belen had a population of only 685 persons 10 years later.

The railroad came to Belen again in 1902, however, and this time the town began to boom. The occasion was the building of the Belen cut-off, the Santa Fe line connecting Belen with Amarillo.

A tent city sprang up in Belen in 1902 with the coming of the railroad construction workers. The First National Bank of Belen was incorporated a year later as the town began to prosper.

The old Hey Day Club, a town booster organization, resolved into the Commercial Club and erected a two-story headquarters building. The club became the Chamber of Commerce in 1924 with Paul Dalies as the first president.

The Belen cut-off, completed in 1907, made Belen an important railroad center. A Harvey House was erected near the depot.

Belen's first newspaper, The Belen Tribune, was started in 1906 by the father of the late Damon Runyon, noted New York sports writer and author. The newspaper office burned down in 1912.

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Belen was incorporated in 1918 with R. Jacobson as the first mayor.

The Belen Airport was constructed in 1928. The first pilot to land on it was a native son, Art Goebel, a nationally known aviator. Goebel won the Dole race to Hawaii in 1927 and held the cross-country non-stop flight record in 1928.

Belen today has an estimated population of 5000 and it is believed that there are at least one or two thousand more living just outside the city limits, which are rather tightly drawn.

The most interesting route between Belen and Albuquerque is Highway 47 along the east bank of the river. The paved road follows the route of the Conquistadores through the picturesque and historic settlements of Tome, Peralta and Valencia—towns which are linked closely with the history of Belen and Valencia County.

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The First Baptist Church choir appears in a photo taken in 1949. (Vida Morrow collection.)



Dalles Avenue in Belen is seen in years past. The Greater Belen Chamber of Commerce, which owns this photo, has its present office here.

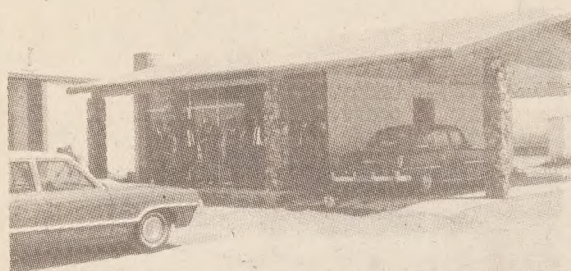


Adolfo Chavez of Magdalena poses with some of his prize possessions including a violin, which was 176 years old, a pitcher and a Spanish saddle, each more than a century old. (Henry Jaramillo collection.)



Our Lady of Belen's graceful French-style church in is heyday. Note the windmill near the center. (Henry Jaramillo collection.)

Looking Back... in the news - the headlines read...



'Ranchers State Bank' to be name

The proposed bank will be known as the Ranchers State Bank. The site has not been determined. A spokesman said "we have several possible rental locations under consideration, and a proposal to erect a new building."



Ranchers State Reports Fantastic Growth

1963 had been a fantastic year of growth for the Ranchers State Bank, with an increase of more than 30 per cent in total resources.

"The Ranchers State Bank has enjoyed growing with the community, and we are more than optimistic about the future growth and expansion. We feel that this next year, our total resources will continue to increase, even more than during this past year."

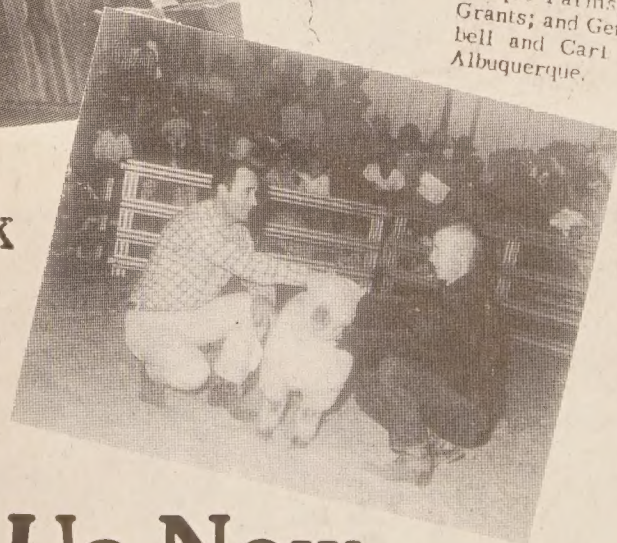


Ranchers State Bank Assets Up \$2 Millon

Henry Jaramillo Jr., president of Ranchers State Bank, said the bank's assets have grown from \$15 million to \$17 million. 1979

Second Bank for Belen Wins Approval of FDIC

Incorporators are Tilbo J. Chavez, Henry Jaramillo, Jr., and Earl E. Peter, all of Belen; Adellno Sanchez, Adellno; B. C. Ringer, Bosque Farms; Adrian Berryhill, Grants; and Gen. Thomas D. Campbell and Carl Anderson, both of Albuquerque.



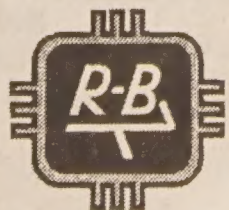
Bank awarded superior rating

Ranchers State bank has been awarded Bauer Financial Reports' five-star rating, marking its superior performance in safety, strength and performance.

"Ranchers State Bank of Belen has displayed uninterrupted excellence in banking. It is a well capitalized bank that comes highly recommended."

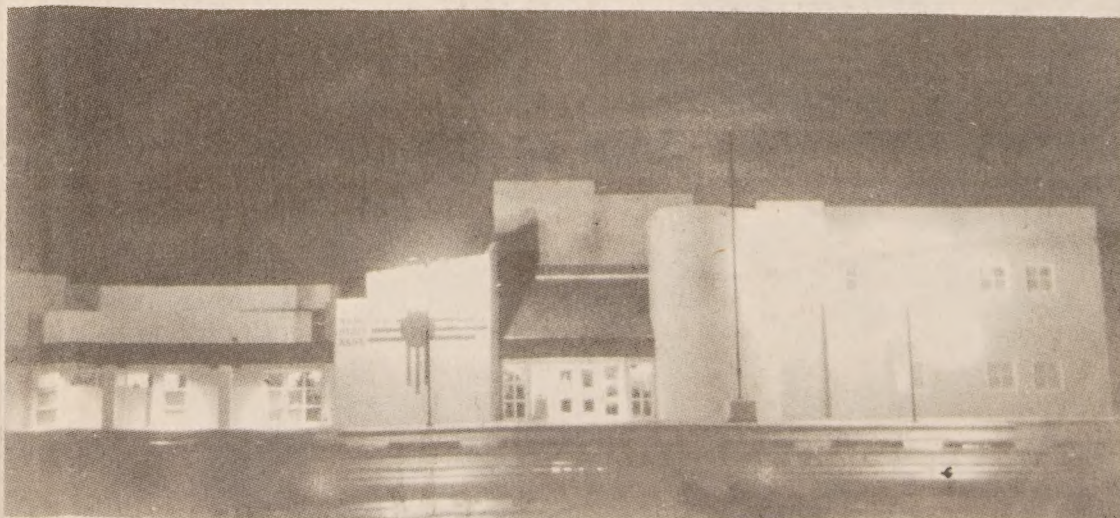
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Members of a Belen High School athletic team hold their annual banquet at Gil's Bakery in 1957. (Gil and Priscilla Sanchez collection.)



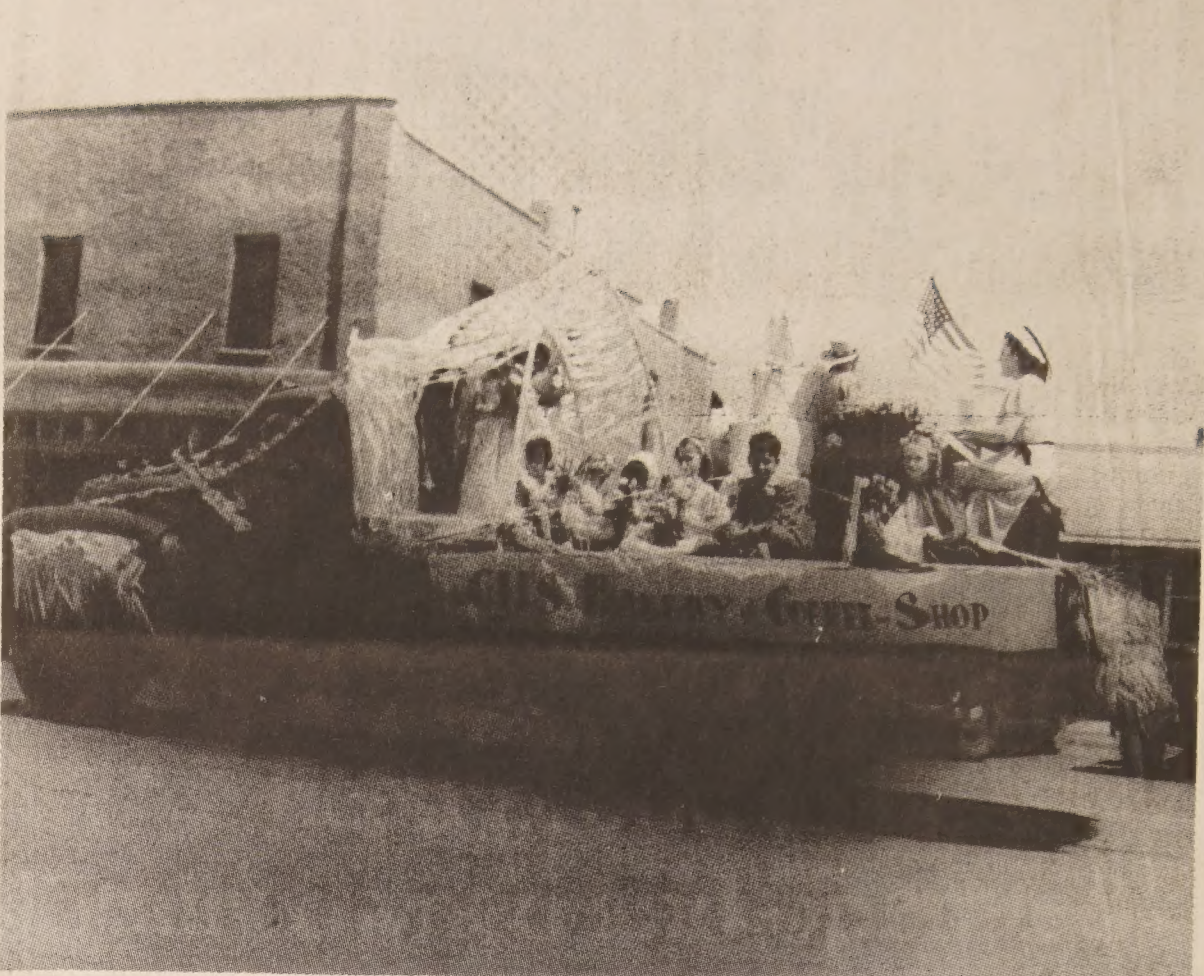
The Gil and Priscilla Sanchez family poses at home in the late 1950s. From left are Regina, Raymond, Gil, Priscilla, Michael and Gloria. Regina is a golf coach at Belen High, Raymond is the speaker of the New Mexico House, Michael is a state senator, and Gloria is an assistant court administrator. (Gil and Priscilla Sanchez collection.)



A girls' softball team, circa 1921, is shown lined up with its coach. (Henry Jaramillo collection.)



Dr. Jose Rivas, Vern Ashbrook, Jim Achen and Judge Tibo Chavez Sr. share a meal at the old Gil's Bakery in Belen. (Gil and Priscilla Sanchez collection.)



A tiny bride and groom at top a float in the 1949 Valencia County Fair parade advertise the fact that Gil's Bakery made wedding cakes. (Gil and Priscilla Sanchez collection.)



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This tiny version of a then current model car was a hit at the Valencia County Fair parade one unidentified year. (Valencia County Historical Society photo.)



In this photo of Belen High School Days, 1967, are Rudy Chavez, Paul Romero, Joe Trujillo and Tommy Tabet. (Rudy and Jo Anne Chavez collection.)



Art "Golden Boy" Aragon was welcomed back to Belen by chamber of commerce president Marvin Trembly in 1951. He is the son of the late Desiderio and Blasita Aragon and is a first cousin of Belen Mayor Richard Aragon and Henry Jaramillo, president of Ranchers Bank. (Marvin Trembly collection.)



A bumper crop of children was lined up outside the Belen Federated Community Church during Children's Day for Sunday School in 1930. The building, which is across the street from Anna Becker Park, eventually became the First Presbyterian Church. It is currently for sale. (Valencia County Historical Society collection.)

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Members of an early Los Lunas School Board pose together in a photo from an unknown date. (Valencia County Historical Society collection.)



The Valencia County Fair parade was one of the highlights of the late summer — and a good opportunity for local residents to take photographs. (Valencia County Historical Society collection.)



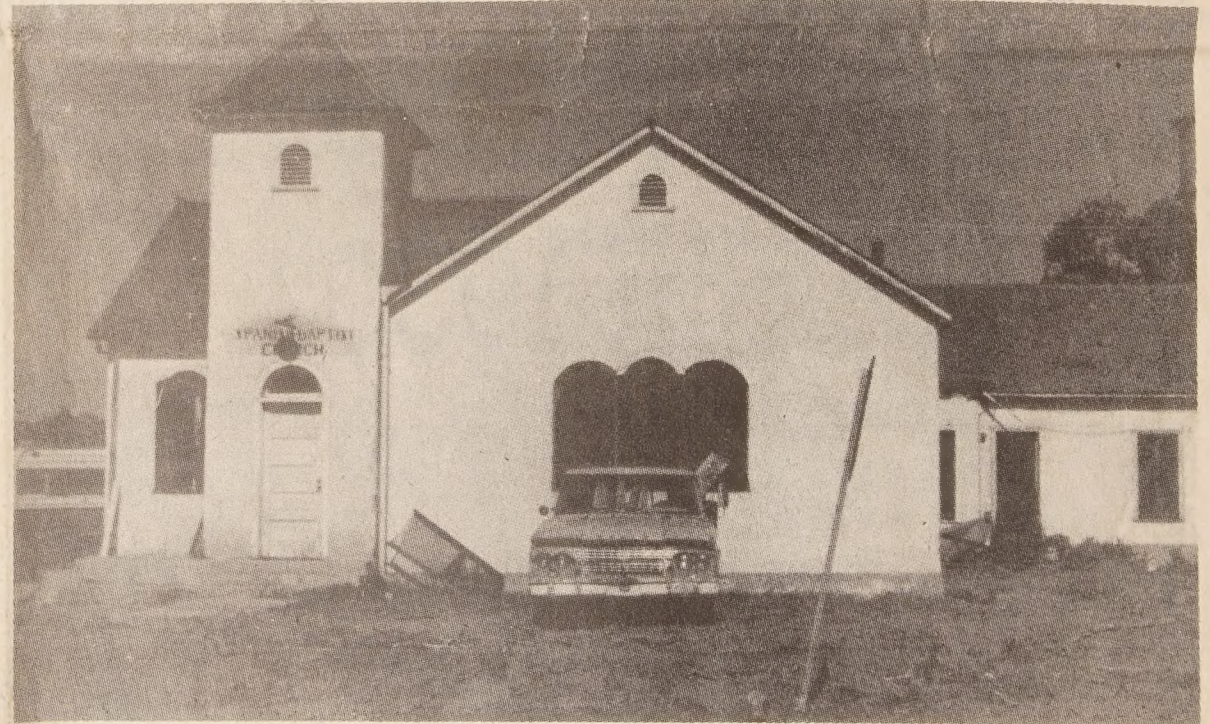
This very old photo is marked "School Days, 1895. Miss Ella Pohl's Class." It doesn't say which school these model, well-dressed children attended. (Henry Jaramillo collection.)



Christmas was celebrated with style — and a white Christmas tree decorated with red chiles — at Ranchers State Bank in the 1960s. Longtime bank employee Luz Chavez is shown, second from the left. (Henry Jaramillo collection.)



A group of young ladies and gentlemen pose in their Sunday best at the eighth grade graduation from St. Mary's School in Belen in 1929. (Henry Jaramillo collection.)



This building on Fourth and Castillo was the home of the First Baptist Church of Belen until 1947 when the present church was erected. This then became the Spanish Baptist Church for many years. (Veda Morrow collection.)

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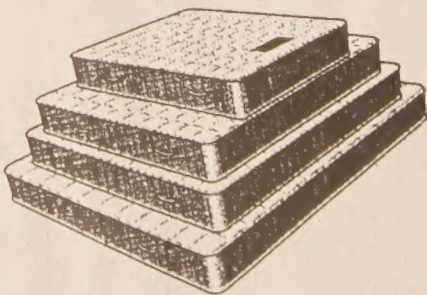
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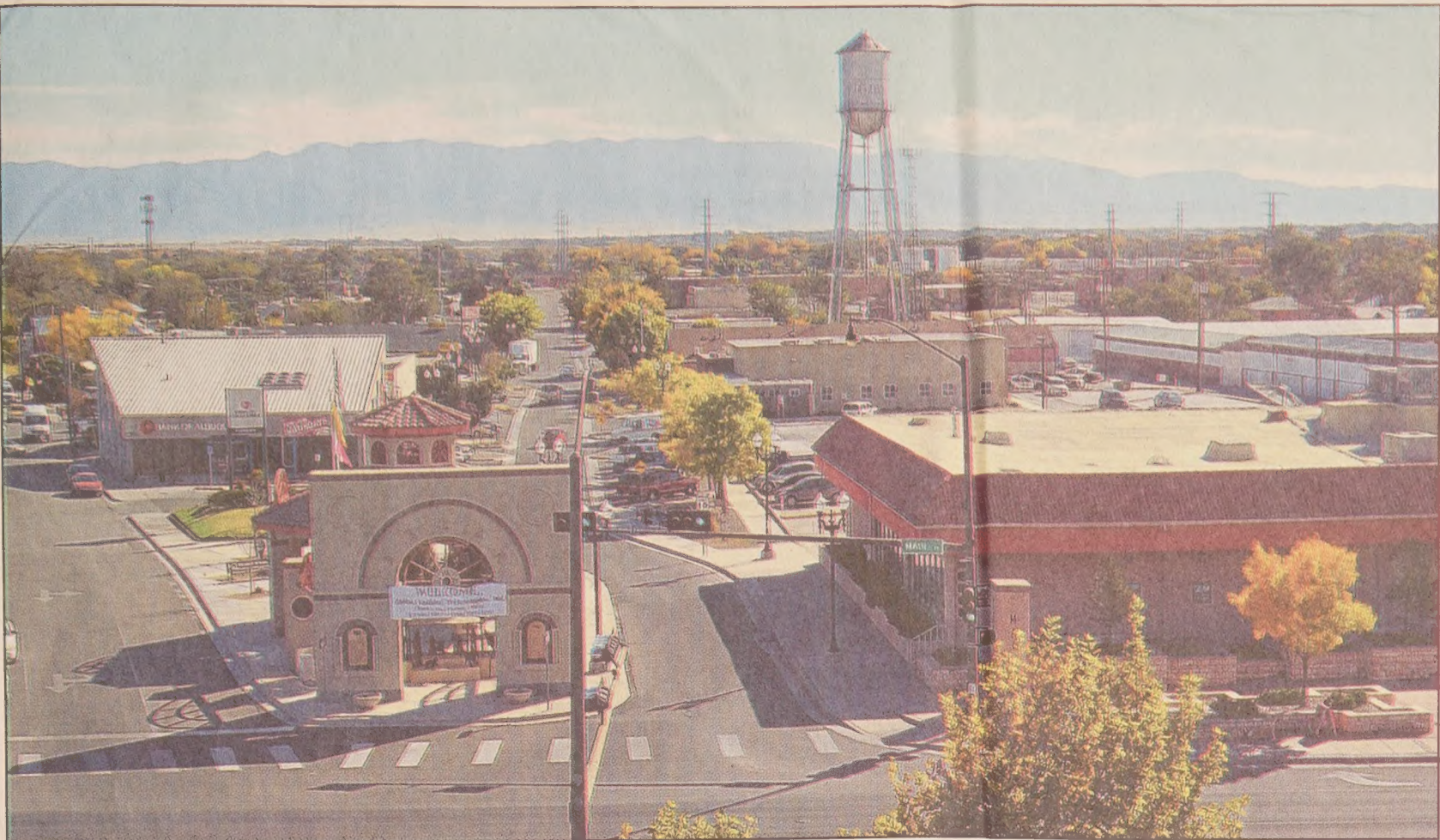
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BELEN MAYOR JERAH CORDOVA proclaimed 2016 as a year of celebrating the city of Belen's 275th anniversary. Belen was founded in 1740 as *Nuestra Señora de Belen*, or Our Lady of Bethlehem, by a group of Spanish colonists led by Capt. Don Diego Torres and Antonio Salazar.

Belen celebrates 275th anniversary

By Margaret Espinosa McDonald
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-BULLETIN

Belen

The river that the explorers named the Rio Grande del Norte had drained the southern watershed of the Rocky Reconque Mountains for eons, flowing along the 1,900 mile course to the Gulf of Mexico.

Humans had used the area continuously for 10,000 years. One of the earliest human settlements was the Belen Kill Site, located at the base of the Manzano Mountains, east of the present day Belen. After the Anasazi Indians left the Chaco Canyon area about 1250 A.D., they wandered through the Rio Abajo and eventually settled in pueblos about 1500.

On the east side of the river, near today's Casa Colorada, is an abandoned Piro pueblo. On the west side of the river, southwest of the present-day Los Lunas, is the abandoned pueblo of Pottery Mound.

After the arrival of Juan de Oñate in 1598, the small ranchos, or ranches of Tomé, and Las Barrancas were established by Spanish settlers along the rich river valley on the east side of the river.

The Camino Real, the King's Highway, that Oñate established to connect Santa Fe with Mexico City, ran along the east side of the river. Continuous Spanish settlement did not occur until after the Pueblo Revolt of 1680 and Reconquest in 1692. With the granting of land grants by the century, these new settlers chose not to live in the more secure areas of Santa Fe and Santa Cruz, or in Albuquerque or the Rio Abajo, but rather in loose clusters of small farms and ranches, which would become the typical colonial unit of the 18th century.

This sharply contrasted with the hacienda, with its dependency on pueblo labor, of the 17th century, a change attributed in part in the decrease of the Pueblo Indian labor population through disease and nomadic Indian raids.



Both factors reduced the available work force for the Spanish settlers and required them to tend to their own land grants rather than to use the native labor, i.e. encomiendas. This pattern was increasingly prevalent throughout New Mexico during this time period.

The Belen Land Grant

There were several types of land grants in New Mexico. Proprietary grants were given to individuals, while community grants were given to groups of 10 or more, and were generally left open for future colonists to settle.

In community land grants, an allotment of about six acres was given

to each member of the grant receiving group as well as a house. These plots became narrower as a result of the Spanish custom of dividing land among all children. In addition to the individual plots that each community grant member possessed, all grant members were entitled to use the ejido, or common grazing land.

In the Rio Abajo, the land patterns were similar to other areas of the Southwest with dispersed estancias, or ranchos, throughout the valley. As the 18th century Spanish colonial population increased, many settlers began to scatter from the center of Albuquerque to the fertile fields of the Rio Abajo.

With the granting of the San Clement and the Lo de Padilla Grant in 1716 and the Peralta Grant in 1718,

City of Belen Proclamation

WHEREAS, Belen was founded in 1740 as *Nuestra Señora de Belen*, or Our Lady of Bethlehem, by a group of Spanish colonists led by Captain Don Diego Torres and Antonio Salazar; and

WHEREAS, The original Belen Land Grant consisted of approximately 200,000 acres, and by the 1790s, grew from a precinct to a district with a population of 1,695, developing the area into a mercantile center; and

WHEREAS, In 1880, the first railroad tracks arrived in Belen, bringing in a depot, and with it, the bright future of a rail yard and a major economic boom; and

WHEREAS, the United States General Land Office established the unincorporated Town of Belen in 1884, and by the turn of the century, local merchant John Becker had designed a commercial and residential plan for the town; and

WHEREAS, Belen was officially incorporated as a municipality in 1918, originally called the "Village of Belen," later called the "Town of Belen" by 1940, and finally called the "City of Belen" by 1966; and

WHEREAS, Belen will be celebrating its 275th birthday on December 9, 2015 – the date of our first official settlement – and will be dedicating the year of 2016 as a year of celebration to honor our past, embrace the present, and look boldly to the future;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jerah R. Cordova, Mayor of the City of Belen, do hereby proclaim 2016 as a year of celebrating the City of Belen's 275th Anniversary in Belen, New Mexico, and encourage all citizens to take part in this observance.

settlers colonized further south. The Nicolas Chavez y Duran and the Tomé
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people & places



Julia M. Dendinger

Christmas lists are hard to come by

So Christmas is two weeks away, 15 days if you want to be technical. My two kids could tell you down to the minute how much longer they have to wait for the much anticipated gift bonanza.

Although as they've gotten older — note I don't say as they've matured — the demands for toys and things that go "boink" in the night have dwindled. The benefit of them growing up is they are able to tell me what they want. For years, getting a Christmas list out of them was amazingly easy. I mean, they started compiling those things during summer break.

Now? Well one is a teen and the other is in that horrible phase that is a pre-teen and ... let's just say I understand why wine goes on sale this time of year.

Starting back at Thanksgiving, I've been asking them for their lists. I suggested that while we were all lolling about in PJs in a turkey-induced coma, they should browse Amazon and just throw stuff on my wish list. Yes, I'm that lazy.

So four days slid by and nothing. I told myself, 'Don't panic. It's still a month away. All good.'

The next weekend, I made the same suggestion, doubling down and telling them they should look through the myriad of "educational" toy catalogs that inundate the mailbox this time of year.

They didn't even have to write anything down. Just dog-ear the page and circle what you want — easy peasy! Yeah, nope, nada.

As the days progressed, I got to the cajoling, begging and threatening stages. "Oh come on ... surely there's something you want ..." which was met with a disinterested shrug. I knew it was all a lie, especially from the little one. That kid watches YouTube unboxings like it was the second coming. He researches prices on Ebay and compares them to retail for crying out loud.

I wasn't buying the idea that he A.) Didn't want anything, or B.) He did but just didn't know what.

So I began threatening. Last year, I told them if they didn't let me know what they wanted they were going to get socks. Well, they did get socks — something the oldest one was way, way too excited about — but they eventually coughed up their lists.

This year, I went with a new toothbrush and an apple. I don't know, that should be their nemesis, right? I mean they certainly don't use the toothbrushes they have now and only eat apples if baked in a pie or dipped in caramel.

Then there was a light at the end of the tunnel. Saturday, my eldest dashed into the living room and dropped a piece of paper at my feet. Literally. He dropped it on the floor by my feet, and then, with a breathless "Christmas list" over, he sprinted outside.

Well ... alright then. With much trepidation, I picked it up. On it were two gift cards, three requests for downloadable content and one new game. Well, now that's just grand.

I'm a firm believer in having things to unwrap on Christmas morning. It just seems so anticlimactic to hand your child a printout of a receipt with an access code for the new game content. Maybe you could put it in a card, but still, it just feels wrong.

I've gotten him gift cards before and he was thrilled. I know he's growing up and able to make his own decisions, and that he loves video games immensely right now but I miss the days when he played more with the boxes than the toys.

So I will suck it up and buy the unwrappable for him, along with some new socks and maybe some underwear just for the embarrassment factor. Remember, Christmas morning pictures make excellent blackmail material. Just saying.

Oh, what about the younger one, you ask? Well, he hasn't generated a list yet per se but I finally got a verbal commitment out of him late on Sunday. One word — LEGOs. Lucky for me and my tender feet, he keeps them contained to his room so I'm inclined to go along with the request.

Feeling brave, I popped over to Amazon to see what kind of LEGOs the cool kids were playing with. A search showed 26,727 results. Yeah, I think I've got him covered.

Comidas

Harness holiday indulging

COURTESY OF FAMILY FEATURES

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season – from office parties to family gatherings – often leads to over-indulging and deviating from a healthy lifestyle; luckily, it's still possible to enjoy many of your favorite holiday dishes while reducing carb and sugar intake.

And the numbers don't lie – numerous studies show that low-carb eating can be a healthy lifestyle option for people who want to lose or maintain their weight. When you control your carbohydrate intake, you start burning stored fat as your fuel source instead of carbohydrates.

Low-carb eating results in more effective weight loss and better health markers, such as a decrease



Cauliflower-Cheddar Mash

in your risk of heart disease and diabetes. Plus, a low-carb lifestyle, such as Atkins, can be customized to your individual needs to help you lose weight and keep it off.

In fact, with the wide variety of foods to choose from in a low-carb lifestyle, it's easy to find plenty of the festive foods and recipes you like so you can skip the stress this holiday season and simply focus on celebrating.

These recipes show how easy it is to make and enjoy low-carb dishes. Find more low-carb recipes to share this holiday season at Atkins.com.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Submitted photo

THE FAMILY OF DANIEL and Lucinda Romero had a surprise party to celebrate their 90th birthdays. Both were born in Belen in 1925 and are Belen High School graduates. More than 100 family and friends came to celebrate this occasion, along with Mariachi Tenampa. The Romero's have been happily married for 69 years. They have four children, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Pictured with Daniel and Lucinda Romero, in front, are their children, in back, Annette Carrillo, Lorenzo Romero, Michael Romero and Juliette Romero Benavidez.

BELEN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS REUNION

Submitted photo

A CELEBRATION OF friendship for Belen High School Class of 1958 classmates at a recent tea hosted by Rhona Baca Espinoza. Pictured, from left, are Mary Janet Rutkowsky, Mary Aragon Ruddy, Gloria Tabet Trujillo, Theresa Baca Hidalgo, Sylvia Sachs Baca, Sylvia Trujillo Chavez, Rae Romero Byers and Barbara Salazar Aragon.

Religion Notes

Upcoming events

Annual Nativity Walk at PMUMC

The annual Nativity Walk at Peralta Memorial United Methodist Church will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12, in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Walk through a display of Nativity scenes from around the world. Nativities will range in size from 2-feet high to miniature size and in all types of mediums (glass, ceramic, wood, pottery, china). There will be activities for the children and refreshments will be served.

Community Messiah Sing Along and Nativity display in Los Lunas

The third annual Community Messiah Sing Along and Nativity display will be held on Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, on James Street in Los Lunas.

The Nativity display will be open at 6 p.m. and will be open until 9 p.m. Handel's Messiah Oratorio will begin at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to sing along with a core choir but singing is optional. Bring your score or borrow one of ours to sing along that evening. If you want to brush up on the music, join the core choir at a free practice every Sunday evening at the same location from now until the Dec. 13 with warm-ups starting at 6:15 p.m.

Members of the community are also invited to bring Nativity sets and Nativity art to display at the Nativity display. They can be brought to the church anytime between 4-6 p.m.

Old Fashion Kids Christmas Program at Sagebrush Community Church

Sagebrush Community Church in Los Lunas will be holding an Old Fashion Kids Christmas Program from 6- 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19. Celebrate the youth singing and performing. Hot chocolate and cookies will be serviced following the program.

Christmas Extravaganza at First United Methodist Church

The First United Methodist Church, 75 Manzano Expressway in Rio Communities, presents its Christmas Extravaganza with the United Methodist Choir and guest soloists at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12. The cost is \$10 per person. For tickets, call 864-7248, 864-6095 or 459-4417.

Christmas House Tour

••Vamos Todos a Belen — Let's all go to Bethlehem's second annual Catholic Daughters of the America's Christmas House Tour, "The Beautiful Homes are Merry and Bright," will be held from 5-10 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12, for \$10 per person. For tickets, call Hilda at 864-7823, Rosie at 864-4385 or Missy at 417-0759.

Children's Craft Christmas Party at St. Philip's Episcopal Church

St. Philip's Episcopal Church will be holding a Children's Craft Christmas Party and dinner from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 19, for children and their parents. All are welcomed to attend and have fun. Food will be provided. Call Magdelene Padilla for information at 850-0423.

Posadas at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church and Missions

Posadas will be celebrated on Sunday, Dec. 20, beginning at 4 p.m. at Cristo Rey in Bosque. They will continue onto San Francisco Xavier in Jarales, then San Isidro in Pueblitos, then Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe in Los Chavez, and finally to Our Lady of Belen. Refreshments will be provided in the OLB Parish Center at the conclusion of Posadas.

Lighting the way for the Santo Nino

As has been the tradition for many years, the grounds at Our Lady of Belen and the parish cemetery will again be "Lighting the Way for the Santo Nino" on Christmas Eve. Thousands of luminarias will be displayed throughout the sacred grounds. The Christmas padrinos and church staff need help to set up and especially to light the luminarias.

Ongoing programs

Immaculate Conception Church

Practice for the youth choir at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Tomé is held at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

The Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. They also meet with their families at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month for a Family Unity and Planning meeting.

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19381 North Hwy 314 • 864-6611 • corgv.com Pastor Ray Jaramillo 7:00 p.m. G-78 Mid-High Girls' Discipleship @Hite Home TUESDAY: 6:00 a.m. Men's Prayer 7:00 p.m. Ladies Night Out 3rd Tuesday of the month WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m. Bible Study *Children's Church provided 7:00 p.m. Youth Group THURSDAY: 9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Call To Share FRIDAY: 6:30 p.m. Valor-Young Men's Discipleship 6:30 p.m. A New Thirst (Addiction Recovery) SUNDAY: Bible Study 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. *Children's Church provided at all services *11:00 a.m. B-78 Bible Study for 7th and 8th Graders Spanish Translation @ 11:00 a.m. Deaf Interpretation @ 8:30 a.m.

BELEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

"We may change but the Gospel stays the same" 421 S. 11th Street, Belen NM 87002 • 505-864-7439 www.belenchurch@aol.com/belenchurch.com Pastor Don DuBerry Sunday school all ages 9:45 am, Nursery provided Wednesday eve Bible study 7:00 pm

BELEN UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

12 Sherrod Rd., Belen, NM 87002 • 864-7933 Sunday 10 a.m., Wednesday Evening 7 p.m. Free Home Bibles Study

NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP OF BELEN

1928 Fellowship Way PO Box 634, Belen, NM 87002 Sunday School 9:30 am Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am Prayer Service Wednesdays at 6:30 pm Pastor John Kennedy 864-2305 or 550-5119 www.nfbelen.org

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

75 Manzano Expressway • Belen, NM 87002 864-6095 • Pastor Keath Baskett (Home of Watch-Me-Grow Preschool) Sunday Services 9:00a.m.Contemporary Praise Worship 11:00 a.m.Traditional Worship Nursery available at all Worship services 10:10a.m. Sunday School 5:30p.m. Youth Group Choirs Sunday 6:00p.m. Adult Bell Choir Wed. 3:30p.m. Intermediate Bell Choir Wed. 4:30p.m. Youth Bell Choir Wed. 7:00p.m. Child's Beginning Bell Choir Thursday 7:00p.m. Chancel Choir

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BELEN

4th and Becker, Belen, NM 87002 www.fbcbelen.net • 864-8621 Senior Pastor: David Guerrero Worship Pastor: Chris Galacia Children's Director: Heather Hinrichs Spanish Pastors: Jose Solano & Jose Sosa Deaf Ministry: Red and Barbara Flett Sunday Morning Bible Study, 9:15 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

CHRISTIAN FAITH CHAPEL

1226 South Main Belen, NM 87002 505-463-5558 Pastor Rudy M. Espinoza Church Services: Sundays 10:00 am Thursdays 7:00 pm Children's Church and Nursery Provided Bible Studies: Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7:00am Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 8:00am cfcbelennm@gmail.com

Rio Communities

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

85 Manzano Expressway in Rio Communities 864-4560 Co-pastors Rev. Jeff Finch and Rev. Laura Niles Finch secretary@firstpresbelen.org 3rd Wednesday of the Month After School Kids 3:30-5:30 Pray service with communion 6:15-6:45 Sunday Services Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour follows, Nursery Provided For Services Wednesday Choir 6:45 p.m. Other Activities Men's Breakfast 7:45 a.m., 3rd Sunday Monthly Presbyterian Women 9:30 a.m., 2nd Wednesday of Month Mariners 5:30 p.m., 1st Tuesday Monthly Book Club 1:00 p.m., 3rd Thursday Monthly

ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER

Pastor Barney Carbajal III 105 Avenida del Fuego • 864-3743 Non-Denominational Sundays: English Service 10:00 am Intercessory Prayer 9:30-10:00 am Wednesday Midweek Service 7pm Nursery Provided Free Downloadable MP3 Messages at www.alcbbelen.org

CORNERSTONE CHURCH

480 Rio Communities Blvd. A Full Gospel, Bible Believing Church. Where Jesus Christ, is the same Yesterday, Today, and Forever. Worship Service Times Sunday Morning Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m. Come and join us. Pastor Jim Burdine Phone 505-934-5849

ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

113 La Luna Place • Rio Communities Church 864-7954 • Vicar - Rev Diane Figge Adult Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist & Healing Prayer at 10:00 a.m. Children Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Los Lunas

GRACE FELLOWSHIP

3384 Hwy 47, Los Lunas We love God. We serve people. We reach the community. 505-865-4722 Fax 865-2051 • www.gracenm.org Senior Pastor: Clifford Chavez Worship Pastor: Gary London Youth Leader: Ana C. Montoya SUNDAYS: Congregational prayer: 8:30-9:30 AM CONTEMPORARY PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM Children's Church / Nursery care / Pre-school program Deaf Interpretation WEDNESDAYS: Corporate Prayer: 6:30-7:00 PM "FORGE" – middle, high school and college age 7:00-8:30 Various Weeknights: Home LIFE groups for youth, adults & families OPEN DOOR CHURCH OF GOD 17 EL CERRO RD (PO Box 2695) LOS LUNAS, NM 87031 WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7 PM FREEDOM NIGHT FRIDAY 7 PM SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM PRAYER 10 AM WORSHIP 10:30 AM Senior Pastor Jim Montoya 505/440-9770 (pastor-jim@loslunaschurchofgod.com) Pastor Alonzo Garcia 505/818-3586 (d.a.garcia72@gmail.com)

VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

3259 Highway 47 Los Lunas, NM 87031 505-865-6169 9:00 a.m. Traditional Services 10:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship

FAITH FAMILY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

1400 Main St. Suite D, E, F PO Box 1471 Los Lunas, NM 87031 (East of Applebee's) 505.350.3944 www.faithfamilyloslunas.org SENIOR PASTOR - ALAN GRANAT ASSOCIATE PASTOR - ALANNA MCDUFF Children's Ministry - Christa Storch Youth Fellowship - Cedrick Rael SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE IS AT 10:45 AM. We offer Sunday morning services for children of all ages: Infants ages 6 months-2 years. Toddlers ages 2-5 years. Children ages 5-12 years. BIBLE STUDIES SUNDAY: Open Adult Bible Study 9:45 am at church (studying Creation) MONDAY: Women's Bible Study at 7:00 pm at church (studying The Family of Jesus by Karen Kingsbury) WEDNESDAY: Open Prayer Time 6:30 pm at church Open Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm at church (studying 1 & 2 Peter) Catalyst Youth Group 7:00 pm at church SATURDAY: Men's Group 9:00 am at church every 1st and 3rd Saturday (studying Bond of Brothers)

FORERUNNER FELLOWSHIP

www.forerunners.us Restoring the identity and destiny of believers in a Hebraic Community Corporate Worship and Study 1:30PM Saturdays at Grace Fellowship 3384 HWY 47, Los Lunas Pastor: Randall Westfall 575-418-9334 Acts of the Apostles Study Tuesdays 7:00PM Call Frank Vigil 264-7684 or Louis Sanchez 507-7373 for more info.

Los Chavez

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOS CHAVEZ

09 Los Chavez Park Road • 865-7701 (Across from Old Mill on Hwy 314) Boyd Morerod, Pastor Sunday Schedule: Sunday School 9:30AM Morning Worship 10:30AM Evening Worship 6:00 PM Wednesday Services 7:00PM Nursery provided for all services

Peralta

PERALTA MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

25 Wesley Road • 865-9334 (1 Mile North of Valencia "Y", off Hwy 47) Sundays Worship 8:30 am & 11:00 am Nursery available (0-4) during worship Sunday School classes for everyone at 9:45 am Youth Group (6th-12th grades) 6:00-8:00 pm www.peraltamethodist.org email: pmumco@qwestoffice.net

Bosque Farms

CHURCH OF CHRIST

www.bcofc.org 1635 Bosque Farms Blvd 869-3588 Sunday Morning Bible Classes 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Luncheon 11:45 a.m. Afternoon Assembly for Worship 12:45 p.m. Wednesday Bible Studies 6:30 p.m. "Growing into all that God intends by Demonstrating the Love of Christ In our Congregation and our Community"

arts

THURSDAY, DEC. 10

VALENCIA COUNTY WOODCARVERS Club meets from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Belen Community Center at Eagle Park. They offer free woodcarving instruction at any level. For information, call 864-6788.

BELEN STITCHERS meets from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Belen Public Library program room. Anyone who embroiders, knits, beads, quilts or does other needlework is invited. For information, call Amy Frank at 366-7373.

FREE LINE DANCE lessons are offered for beginners from 8 to 9 a.m. and for intermediate dancers from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Thursdays at the Belen Senior Center. Instructor is Patty Herrington, 864-4266.

FRIDAY, DEC. 11

NEW MEXICO Special Orchestra's Valencia Chapter will be holding a holiday party at 6:30 p.m. at the Belen Community Center at Eagle Park. A visitor from the North Pole is expected, as well as other activities, such as a pinata and Christmas carols.

SING, DANCE AND BRING a dance partner for a performance of The Fiddlers and Musicians of New Mexico, who play at 6 p.m. at the Bosque Farms Community Center. For information, call 864-6606 or 331-1778.

CW DANCE LESSON at the Bosque Farms Community Center will be held from 12:15-1:15 p.m. Learn the latest dance patterns, turns and steps to various dances. For information call Fred Laureta, dance instructor at 966-6027, or the center at 869-5133.

BOSQUE CUADRILLOS square dance club meets from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Belen Senior Center on 715 S. Main St. in Belen. For information, call Greg at 883-8681, or John at 864-7901.

LOS LUNAS MUSEUM Kids Club meets at 10:30 a.m. every Friday at the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts for children 3-5 years old. Call 352-7720 to reserve your spot.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 12

A CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held at Southwest Emporium, 1422 Frontage Road in Belen, in appreciation to all of their supporters, vendors, friends and family. There will be refreshments and food. If interested in setting up a booth, call 859-4328.

A SILK PAINTING class, "Team Colors," will be held from 1-4 p.m. at Black Smuggler Winery, 25 Winery Road, Bosque. Take a break from the stressful holidays and create a stunning silk scarf with vibrant dye paints and starburst salt effects. Show your team spirit on game day wearing an original scarf with your team's colors. If you don't have a favorite team, you can still come and paint your favorite colors. No experience is necessary. Everyone goes home with an original work of art. Purchase wine by the glass to enjoy while you relax, and have fun painting. The cost is \$30 plus tax; includes all materials to create an 8-inch, by 54-inch hand-painted silk scarf. To reserve a space, contact Cheri at 861-0272.

THE IN STITCHES KNITTING and Crochet Club meets at noon every Saturday at the Los Lunas Public Library.

MONDAY, DEC. 14

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TUESDAY, DEC. 15

THE MANSION PLAYERS, a theater group in Valencia County, meet at every Tuesday evening. They welcome all who have considered doing any kind of theater work. For information, call Marie at 565-2154, or visit www.mansionplayers.org.

LINE DANCE LESSONS for beginners are offered from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., and from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. for intermediates at the Fred Luna Multigenerational Center, 315 Don Pasqual NW in Los Lunas. Instructor is Lynda Huffstutler. For information, call 839-3853.

THE BELEN PUBLIC LIBRARY holds story hour for preschoolers at noon.

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LOS LUNAS RAMBLERS play at Sopa's Restaurant in Bosque Farms from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. every third Tuesday. All donations will be given to the Blue Star Mothers of Valencia County.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16

THE IN STITCHES KNITTING and Crochet Club meets at 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Los Lunas Public Library.

THURSDAY, DEC. 17

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FIBER TO FINISH, a spinning and weaving guild, for anyone interested in working with wool and other natural fibers to join in spinning, weaving and other hand work, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Belen. For information, call Diana at 864-7097, or Myra at 864-0876.

MONDAY, DEC. 21

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community

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16

THE DWI PLANNING COUNCIL will meet at 12:05 p.m. at the Wellness Center, 3445 Lambros Loop, Los Lunas.

THE THOME DOMINGUEZ de Mendoza Museum off N.M. 47 is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 17

JOSE DOLORES CORDOVA Cultural Center Advisory Board meets at 5 p.m. at the center in Jarales.

SATURDAY, DEC. 19

THE MEADOW LAKE Parks Area Association meets at 3 p.m. at the MLPAA property, at the end of Meadow Lake Road. All are invited to attend. For information, call Jim at 865-9786.

education

THURSDAY, DEC. 10

AN EDUCATIONAL Town Hall, hosted by members of the National Education Association and Sen. Michael Sanchez) will be held at 6 p.m. at Belen City Hall, 100 S. Main St. RSVP to Tarla Hill at 269-3095.

CONTINUING

THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA Department of Education and the Los Lunas Public Schools invites education agencies and businesses to attend and participate in the 2016 College and Career Fair from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Jan. 16, at Isleta Eagle Golf Course. The cost to participate is two door prizes. Space is limited to first-come, first-serve. Set up time is 3-6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 15, or 7:30-8:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 16. To request your space, call Kathleen Jojola at 869-9790 or email POI08004@isletapueblo.com.

FRED LUNA MULTI-GENERATIONAL CENTER is hosting English as a second language class from noon to 3 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, call 839-3853 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LOS LUNAS SCHOOLS invites students and parents to utilize the district's bullying hotline: 865-1082.

BELEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS cyber-bullying hotline numbers are 333-0042, La Merced and La Promesa Elementary Schools; 333-0043, Belen High School; 333-0044, Family, H.T. Jaramillo and Gil Sanchez elementary schools; 333-0051, Central, Dennis Chavez and Rio Grande Elementary Schools; 333-0052, Belen Middle School and Infinity High School.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 10

THE BELEN HARVEY House Museum will be hosting the Bugg Lights in Belen through Dec. 31, with more than 300,000 lights, vintage and homemade Christmas decorations, 50 Christmas trees and more.

THE VALENCIA COUNTY Extension Association of New Mexico Club will be hosting their third Ladies Night Out from 7:30-9 p.m. Leave the kids at home and enjoy an evening full of fun, food, friends, and of course, holiday crafts. Ladies Night Out will be held at the Valencia County Extension Office, 404 Courthouse Road, in Los Lunas. For information on monthly meetings, call Anne-Marie Wilson at 565-3002.

BE WELL NEW MEXICO will be holding an informative presentation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Los Lunas Public Library. Refreshments will be provided.

FREE COURT CLINIC is held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the first-floor jury management room at the Valencia County Courthouse. Volunteer attorneys are available on a first-come, first-serve basis to explain court process, answer legal questions and help with legal paperwork. Free legal forms are available for a variety of cases and issues.

A BEREAVEMENT/GRIEF Support Group will meet from 3-4:30 p.m. at Ambergare Hospice, 420 N. Main St., Belen. Meetings are open to anyone who has lost a loved one. For information, call Richard Garcia or Rose Ann Mathews at 861-0060.

WALKING FOR FUN meets at the Bosque Farms Community Center at 9:15 a.m. The group, for ages 50+, begins with a warm up before. For more information, call Fred Laureta, 966-6027, or the center at 869-5133.

WELLNESS WALKING CLUB meets every Thursday afternoon at 3820 Elaine Drive in the Mid-Valley Airpark. For information, call Laura at 565-3002.

YOGA CLASSES, geared toward senior citizens but all are welcome, are held at 9:30 a.m. at the Bosque Farms Community Center every Thursday. For information, call 869-5133.

SATURDAY, DEC. 12

THE ANNUAL Santa in the Park will be held at 6 p.m. at Daniel Fernandez Park in Los Lunas.

A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS Party will be held at the Bosque Farms Community Center from 2-5 p.m. Music provided by the Valencia County Community Bands and Amy Thoms. All ages are welcome to this free event. Bring a favorite Christmas treat to share, enjoy the music and mingle with friends. For information, call 869-5133.

THE BELEN ELKS Lodge will be holding its annual Children's Christmas Party from 3-5 p.m. at the lodge, 19513 N.M. 314. There will be food and refreshments. Children's activities include cookie decorating, crafts, Christmas movies, face painting and a magician. Santa Claus will be making a very special visit.

WHITFIELD WILDLIFE Conservation Area will be holding its sixth birthday party from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Join in for cake and ice cream, listen to music by Ten Cats Laughing, enjoy presentation by Whitfield master naturalists, attend the dedication of the new cactus garden and take a tour.

A WALK/RUN FUN CLUB meets at 9 a.m. every Saturday at 1018 W. Ross in Belen for a healthy fitness challenge. Everyone, of all ages, are invited to participate. For information, call Cathy at 720-1931.

MONDAY, DEC. 14

TAI CHI classes are held at 9 a.m. every Monday at the Bosque Farms Community Center. For information, call the center at 869-5133.

STRENGTH AND BALANCE classes are held at the Bosque Farms Community Center at 10:15 a.m. every Monday. For information, call 869-5133.

TUESDAY, DEC. 15

A NURTURING PARENTING Education Program is held at 3:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Small Steps Visitation Center, 267 Courthouse Road. The program is free. For information, call the Valencia County Cooperative Extension Service at 565-3002.

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STRETCH AND TONE classes are held at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday at the Bosque Farms Community Center. For information, call 869-5133.

BRIDGE AND DOMINOS are played at 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Bosque Farms Community Center. For information, call 869-5133.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16

SOUTHWEST MODEL RAILROAD Club, formerly known as the Belen Model Railroad Club, is open from 12:30-3:30 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, at their new location at 39 Elaine Drive in the Mid Valley Airpark in Los Chavez. The HO scale model train layout is open to the public. Admission is free. To request special access, contact Jim at 379-7243 or George at 220-2824.

fundraisers

SATURDAY, DEC. 19

THE FRIENDS OF the Belen Public Library have scheduled a special book sale from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be a large selection of books for Christmas giving, Christmas-themed books, a cookie sale, and free gift wrapping upon request. The event will take place in the conference room of the Belen Public Library, 333 Becker Ave., in Belen. Books sell for \$3 a bag to the general public or \$2 a bag to Friends. Become a Friend at the sale and save. Proceeds from the book sale fund a variety of library offerings, most important of which are the on-going reading program for preschoolers, the summer reading series for children up to age eleven, and the teen program. For information, call the library at 966-2600.

CONTINUING

A PET FOOD DRIVE will be held during the month of December at Valencia Animal Clinic. The goal is 1,000 pounds of pet food to be donated to the Belen Area Food Pantry. Science Diet has offered to match up to 400 pounds. Every donation receives a free bag of treats while supplies lasts. Donations can be dropped off at 1533 E. River Road, Belen. For information, call 864-4075.

TICKETS ARE NOW available for Ranchito de los Niños' annual house raffle. Tickets are \$75. Win the grand prize, a D.R. Horton Home, or other prizes while benefiting children who need a home of their own. Tickets can be purchased at elranchitonm.org/house-affle.html. The drawing will take place on Feb. 16, 2016.

organizations

THURSDAY, DEC. 10

BOY SCOUT TROOP 360 meets at 6 p.m. at 27 Blackberry in Los Lunas. Camping every month. New boys welcome. For information, call Laura Crossley at 480-1669, or Coleman Hudson at 385-7066.

WEIGHT WATCHERS meets at the Faith Family Church, 1400 Main St. in Los Lunas. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. For information, call Theresa at 362-7725.

TOPS NO. 203 meets in the community room of the Vista Del Rio Center Mobile Home Park on N.M. 304 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Visitors are welcome. For information, call 859-0489.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 116 meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday night at Peralta Memorial United Methodist Church. Boys age 11 and up are invited, and new members are welcome. For information, call Janice Smith at 869-4318.

BETHLEHEM MASONIC Lodge No. 56 of Belen meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Belen Masonic Lodge.

FRIDAY, DEC. 11

SUNRISE RV CLUB meets from 10 a.m. at the Sunrise Bluffs Clubhouse in Belen. For information, call Hector Vega 575-835-8462.

SATURDAY, DEC. 12

BLUE STAR MOTHERS of Valencia County meets at 9 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Bosque Farms. For information, call 217-1806.

SECUNDINO BALDONADO American Legion Post meets at noon at 325-D Main Street in Belen. For information, call 259-6755.

SUNDAY, DEC. 13

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS in Belen holds a monthly breakfast, including eggs, toast, chile, pancakes, coffee and juices, at 8 a.m. to noon. The cost will be \$6 per person; children 10 and under are free.

MONDAY, DEC. 14

UNM-VALENCIA QUEER Straight Alliance meets from 3-5 p.m. in Room 141 in the Academic building at UNM-VC. For information, email Richard Sylvestre at rislves@unm.edu, or Patricia Gillikin at gillikin@unm.edu.

TOASTMASTERS, a nonprofit aimed at improving public speaking and leadership skills, meet at 6 p.m. every Monday at Ribs in Los Lunas. They meet 6 p.m. for social time and to settle in, and the meeting goes from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Ordering food or a beverage is completely optional. For information, call Lorraine Sachs Garcia at 864-8081 or 453-1879.

LAS ESTRELLITAS EASTERN STAR meets at 7 p.m. at Tenth and Chavez in Belen.

TUESDAY, DEC. 15

BUSINESS WOMEN OF VALENCIA COUNTY meets at 8 a.m. at Henrietta's in Los Lunas. Call 866-5284.

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP meets at noon every Tuesday at the Lotus Center, 1501 E. River Road in Belen. Call 803-2393 for information.

CUB SCOUT PACK 360 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 27 Blackberry in Los Lunas. New boys welcome. For information, call Britney Crain at 270-4798.

CUB SCOUT PACK 828 meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Bible Church, 1467, N.M. 314. They are looking for boys in grades first through fifth in the Los Lunas area. Check them out on Facebook at facebook.com/LLpack828 or stop by and see what kind of fun they have every week.

PILOT CLUB OF LOS LUNAS meets at 5:30 p.m. The club regularly supports community service projects in the area. For information, call Nancy at 859-9397.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS meets at 7 p.m. at the Belen KC Hall.

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ROAD DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

Job description and application is available at www.socorrocounty.net**Applications will be accepted until December 21, 2015****Care for elderly person part-time & weekends references & background check.** Exp pref. 864-1914

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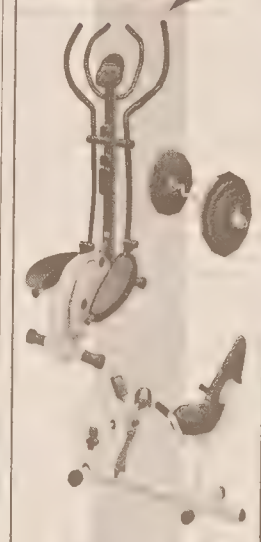
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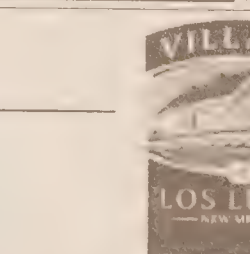
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MH Spaces for Rent! \$225MO+DD Spacious, fenced in, very nice and quiet. Call 864-0182

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LEGAL NOTICE of QUORUM

A quorum of the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County may attend training, Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 3:00 pm. County business may be discussed; action will not be taken. The training is Incident Command System 100 & 700 and it will take place at the Valencia County Administration Building in the Commission Chambers at 444 Luna Ave. Los Lunas, New Mexico. More information may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Valencia County Administration Office, 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, NM, (505) 866-2014.

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NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUORUM

OF THE VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS COUNTY OF VALENCIA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a possible quorum of the Mayor and Council of the Village of Los Lunas may be present for the meeting of the "Valencia Council of Governments" which will be held on Monday, December 14, 2015 starting at 6:00p.m. at the Belen Library located at 333 Becker Ave., Belen, NM 87002.

/s/ Gregory D. Martin Village Administrator

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY TAX DIVISION (505) 827-0883 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to provisions of Section 7-38-65 NMSA 1978, the Property Tax Division of the Taxation and Revenue Department will offer for sale at public auction, in VALENCIA County, beginning at: TIME:09:00 AM DATE:12/16/2015 LOCATION: 501 Luna Ave Los Lunas, NM the sale to continue-until all the following described real property has been offered, for sale. 1. All persons intending to bid upon property are required to register and obtain a bidder's number from the auctioneer and to provide the auctioneer with their full name, mailing address, telephone number and social security number. Deeds will be issued to registered names only. Conveyances to other parties will be the responsibility of the buyer at auction. Persons acting as "agents" for other persons will register accordingly and must provide documented proof as being a bona fide agent at time of registration. A trustee of the board of a community land grant-merced governed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 49, Article 1 NMSA 1978 or by statutes specific to the named land grant-merced, who wishes to register to bid pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-38-67(H) NMSA 1978, will register accordingly and must provide documented proof as being a bona fide Trustee of the board at time of registration. REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY AT START OF SALE. CONTACT PROPERTY TAX DIVISION OR COUNTY TREASURER FOR EXACT LOCATION WHERE AUCTION WILL BE CONDUCTED. 2. The board of trustees of a community land grant-merced governed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 49, Article 1 NMSA 1978 or by statutes specific to the named land grant-merced shall be allowed to match the highest bid at a public auction, which shall entitle the board of trustees to purchase the property for the amount bid if (1) the property is situated within the boundaries of that land grant-merced as shown in the United States patent to the grant; (2) the bid covers all past taxes, penalties, interest and costs due on the property; and (3) the land becomes part of the common lands of the land grant-merced. The registered representative of the board of trustees, may bid pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-38-67(H) NMSA 1978 only on properties offered for sale that are specifically in their land grant-merced.3. The Successful Buyer and the Department stipulate that at no time did the Department take or hold title to any property which was subject to the delinquent tax account auction. Successful Buyer states that at no time did the Department make any representation to him/her or any third person about the property or any environmental condition or danger on or arising from the property. Successful Buyer states that he/she has bid at the delinquent property tax auction without any inducement or representation by the Department of any kind. Successful Buyer has researched the condition of the property and is relying on his/her own judgment on submitting a bid. Release of Liability: Successful Buyer agrees to release the Department from any and all claims that the Successful Buyer may have, now or in the future, arising from or relating in any way to any environmental contamination, degradation or danger of any kind, whether known or unknown, on any property purchased the above-described real property. This release covers any environmental condition arising at any time and has perpetual duration. Indemnification and Agreement to Defend and Hold Harmless; Successful Buyer agrees to fully indemnify, defend and hold-harmless the Department from any claim that Successful Buyer or any third party may have, now or in the future, arising from or relating in any way to any environmental contamination, degradation or danger of any kind, whether known or unknown, on the above-described real property. This indemnification and agreement to defend and hold-harmless covers any environmental condition arising at any time and has perpetual duration. The terms of the sale will be explained prior to the sale and will be provided by the Property Tax Division upon request. Done at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this day of November 16 2015.

Item #1
ID Number 14 6 2011
Assessed Owner 3 V'S LLC A NM LIMITED LIABILITY
Simple Description IN BELEN ON RIO COMMUNITIES BLVD
Minimum Bid \$18,000.00
Property Description SUBD: MOTEL TR ONE LAND OF FIRST STATE BA LOT: 1-1 1.00 AC D-5-21 & 22 2006 REV

Item #2
ID Number 14 236 2011
Assessed Owner AGUILAR JOSE G & NIEVES AGUILA
Simple Description IN LOS LUNAS ON CARMEL RD
Minimum Bid \$9,900.00
Property Description SUBD: MONTEREY PARK BLK: L TR: 9 UNIT: 3 50 AC

Item #5
ID Number 14 619 2011
Assessed Owner AMEKO MARVA M & AMEKO FRANCES
Simple Description IN BELEN ON RECODO PLACE

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Minimum Bid \$9,200.00
Property Description SUBD: ENCHANTED MESA LOT: 6 BLK: 5 UNIT: 5

Item #6
ID Number 14 668 2011
Assessed Owner ANAYA LEO
Simple Description IN LOS LUNAS ON LOBO COURT
Minimum Bid \$600.00
Property Description SUBD: EL CERRO MISSION RANCHETTES TR: 10A UNIT: 3 1.25 AC

Item #7
ID Number 14 800 2011
Assessed Owner ANDREWS CHRISTOPHE W & ANDREWS
Simple Description IN BELEN ON FIFTH ST
Minimum Bid \$3,000.00
Property Description SUBD: BTS ADDITION D-5-18 LOT: 9 BLK: 43 SUBD: BTS ADDITION D-5-18 LOT: 10 BLK: 43 LOT 9 10

Item #8
ID Number 14 2227 2011
Assessed Owner ARVIZO OSCAR T
Simple Description IN LOS LUNAS ON CORNER OF CAMEL RD & W BRAZOR
Minimum Bid \$2,100.00
Property Description SUBD: MONTEREY PARK BLK: K TR: 17 UNIT: 3 50 AC

Item #9
ID Number 14 2437 2011
Assessed Owner AVALOS JOSE LUIS
Simple Description OUTSIDE LOS LUNAS ON GALLO RD
Minimum Bid \$3,400.00
Property Description S: 28 T: 7N R: 1E 28 7N 1E 10.00 ACRES

Item #10
ID Number 14 2531 2011
Assessed Owner BACA LORRAINE & CHAVEZ CAROLIN
Simple Description IN PERALTA ON LA SOMBRILLA LOOP
Minimum Bid \$1,900.00
Property Description Subd: RANCHO ALEGRE Lot: 13

Item #11
ID Number 14 2532 2011
Assessed Owner BACA MANUEL & BACA NATTIE
Simple Description IN BELEN OFF GREEN ACRES RD
Minimum Bid \$16,000.00
Property Description Subd: BTS ADDITION D-5-18 BLK: 26 S1/2 OF LOTS 1-2 3

Item #12
ID Number 14 2536 2011
Assessed Owner BACA PAUL
Simple Description LOS LUNAS OFF HEATON LOOP
Minimum Bid \$1,800.00
Property Description Subd: CARSON PARK B-5-27 & 33 Lot: 22 BLK: C Unit: 1 MAP 75 B-5-33

Item #13
ID Number 14 2618 2011
Assessed Owner BACON WILLIAM R & BACON ELLEN
Simple Description IN LOS LUNAS CORNER OF MEADOWLAKE RD & TURNER DR
Minimum Bid \$7,200.00
Property Description Subd: MESA VIEW ADDITION BLK: 2 TR: 13 Unit: 2 Subd: MESA VIEW ADDITION BLK: 2 TR: S1/2 Unit: 2 18.95 AC B-6-27

Item #14
ID Number 14 2620 2011
Assessed Owner BACON WILLIAM R & ELLEN
Simple Description IN LOS LUNAS ON HUMMINGBIRD LN
Minimum Bid \$3,500.00
Property Description Subd: MESA ESTATES Lot: 4C1 BLK: 7 Subd: MESA ESTATES Lot: 1.00A BLK: 7 Subd: MESA ESTATES Lot: C BLK: 7 REPLAT OF LOT 4A 4C 4D

Item #15
ID Number 14 2822 2011
Assessed Owner BALDONADO AVELINA G
Simple Description IN BELEN ON CORNER OF REINKEN AVE & 13TH
Minimum Bid \$3,100.00
Property Description Subd: OLGUIN ADD LOT: A BLK: 2 1990 REV REPLAT OF LOTS 1 2 3 & 4 D-4-13B

Item #16
ID Number 14 3417 2011
Assessed Owner BEEMAN JEFFREY D
Simple Description IN LOS LUNAS ON OLD MILWAUKEE RD
Minimum Bid \$2,200.00
Property Description Subd: EL CERRO MISSION ESTATES Lot: 23K Unit: 1 286-4841 1.16 AC

Item #17
ID Number 14 4046 2011
Assessed Owner BIXBY WILLIAM E & BIXBY JOANNE
Simple Description IN LOS LUNAS ON CORRIENTE RD
Minimum Bid \$21,300.00
Property Description Subd: LAND OF WILLIAM BIXBY Lot: 25-A 4.99 AC 2006 REV C-4 MH# 349103

Item #18
ID Number 14 4417 2011
Assessed Owner BOLTON MARK DAVID & MARY
Simple Description IN LOS LUNAS ON PALOMAS RD
Minimum Bid \$4,200.00
Property Description Subd: LAS PALOMAS ACRES BLK: A TR: A2 REPLAT OF LOT 5E 2MH'S ID#600582

Item #19
ID Number 14 5321 2011
Assessed Owner BROWNING CYNTHIA & BROWNING TH
Simple Description IN LOS LUNAS ON ROSA AVE
Minimum Bid \$15,400.00
Property Description Subd: LAS MARAVILLAS Lot: 10 BLK: 8 Unit: 3 1997 REV C-6-19

Item #20
ID Number 14 6285 2011
Assessed Owner CANO RAUL
Simple Description IN LOS LUNAS ON EL CERRO MISSION
Minimum Bid \$22,100.00
Property Description Subd: EL CERRO MISSION BLK: 1 TR: 1A Unit: 15 1.47 AC C-6-4 1997 REV MANA MART

Item #21
ID Number 14 6513 2011
Assessed Owner CARREON RENE & LISA MONTANO
Simple Description IN LOS LUNAS ON COMANCHE LN
Minimum Bid \$1,500.00
Property Description Subd: MEADOW LAKE SUBDIV TR: 111 Unit: 2

Item #22

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ID Number 14 6663 2011
Assessed Owner CASTILLO RUBEN H & CASTILLO CH
Simple Description IN LOS LUNAS OFF MOUNTAIN LAUREL RD
Minimum Bid \$3,300.00
Property Description Subd: LAKE VIEW ACRES Lot: 61

Item #23
ID Number 14 8464 2011
Assessed Owner CORDOVA ROGER
Simple Description IN BOSQUE FARM ON PINE ST
Minimum Bid \$6,100.00
Property Description Subd: DIXON ACRES Lot: 15 MH ID# 602493

Item #24
ID Number 14 8473 2011
Assessed Owner CORLEY VERNON
Simple Description IN BELEN ON JARALES RD
Minimum Bid \$10,900.00
Property Description S: 18 T: 5N R: 2E MAP 100 TR. 132-B 30 AC 2008 REV

Item #25
ID Number 14 10015 2011
Assessed Owner DANKO VALERIE J
Simple Description IN BOSQUE FARMS ON SOLANO DR
Minimum Bid \$1,900.00
Property Description Subd: BOSQUE PARK Lot: 9 BLK: 1

Item #26
ID Number 14 10153 2011
Assessed Owner DAVIS DALE CLINTON
Simple Description IN LOS LUNAS ON BONITA LOOP
Minimum Bid \$600.00
Property Description Subd: MEADOW LAKE SUBDIV TR: 140 Unit: 4

Item #27
ID Number 14 10375 2011
Assessed Owner DEANDA ESTHER C
Simple Description IN LOS LUNAS OFF DANNY GALLEGOS NE
Minimum Bid \$6,000.00
Property Description S: 15 T: 7N R: 2E MAP 67 TR. 58-A-2-B 50 AC HOUSE AND MH

Item #28
ID Number 14 11023 2011
Assessed Owner DINKEL CLAUDE T JR & LEINA
Simple Description IN TOME AREA OFF RANCHO DE SANTA FE
Minimum Bid \$6,000.00
Property Description S: 9 T: 6N R: 2E MAP 82 TR. 18A1A1A2A1 1.95 AC

Item #29
ID Number 14 11226 2011
Assessed Owner DOMINGUEZ MANUEL HECTOR & DOMI
Simple Description IN RIO COMMUNITIES OFF GUAPO RD.
Minimum Bid \$9,000.00
Property Description Subd: ENCHANTED MESA Lot: 5 BLK: 5 Unit: 8

Item #30
ID Number 14 11610 2011
Assessed Owner DURAN MANUEL R & DURAN FANNIE
Simple Description IN BOSQUE FARMS OFF PADILLA LN
Minimum Bid \$2,500.00
Property Description Subd: LA MANCHA ESTATES Lot: 36

Item #31
ID Number 14 12054 2011
Assessed Owner ELLEDGE JOHN & ELLEDGE LILLIE
Simple Description IN LOS LUNAS OFF YUCCA DR
Minimum Bid \$7,300.00
Property Description Subd: SUN VALLEY RANCH HOMES Lot: 41

Item #32
ID Number 14 12499 2011
Assessed Owner EWERS-SKINNER PAMELA A
Simple Description IN LOS LUNAS OFF VISTA LARGA
Minimum Bid \$6,000.00
Property Description Subd: LUNA ADDITION Lot: 90

Item #33
ID Number 14 13217 2011
Assessed Owner FLOWERS RICHARD & FLOWERS LISA
Simple Description IN BOSQUE FARMS OFF BOSQUE FARMS RD
Minimum Bid \$15,200.00
Property Description S: 1 T: 7N R: 2E BOSQUE FARMS UNIT 2 TR 8A1 .64 AC 1995 REV B-5-1

Item #34
ID Number 14 15302 2011
Assessed Owner GABALDON ESTHER R
Simple Description IN LOS LUNAS OFF LOS LENTES SE
Minimum Bid \$1,100.00
Property Description S: 28 T: 7N R: 2E MAP 73 TR. 83-A .11 AC

Item #35
ID Number 14 17185 2011
Assessed Owner GONZALES RICK & GONZALES MONA
Simple Description IN LOS LUNAS OFF NM 314
Minimum Bid \$11,000.00
Property Description S: 33 T: 7N R: 2E MAP 75 TR 26A2B2 .75 AC

Item #36
ID Number 14 17712 2011
Assessed Owner GRIEGO LEROY A
Simple Description IN PERALTA OFF ALGODONES RD.
Minimum Bid \$900.00
Property Description Subd: KELLY ACRES Lot: 1 MH ID # 363168

Item #37
ID Number 14 17713 2011
Assessed Owner GRIEGO LOUIE R & GRIEGO DEBBIE
Simple Description IN LOS LUNAS ON VISTA LARGA ST NW
Minimum Bid \$10,200.00
Property Description Subd: LUNA ADDITION Lot: 102

Item #38
ID Number 14 17914 2011
Assessed Owner GUARDIAN LUCY
Simple Description IN BELEN OFF CAMINO DEL LLANO
Minimum Bid \$2,500.00
Property Description S: 13 T: 5N R: 1E MAP 100 TR. 246-C .12 AC D-413C

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CITY OF BELEN
100 SOUTH MAIN STREET
BELEN, NM 87002
(505) 864-8221

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and all parties of interest that the Belen Planning and Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider a **REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE FOR THE NUMBER OF RESTRICTED LIVESTOCK AT 1617 E RIVER ROAD: DAVID CARTER-BELEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS.**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Township 5 North, Range 2 East, Section 17, Eastside Addition, Block 2, Lots 3-6, containing .22 Acres. AKA 316 DeSoto Ave., Belen NM 87002.

You are further notified that this public hearing will be held on Monday, **December 28, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.**, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 100 South Main Street, Belen, New Mexico 87002. Any person having objections or wishing to be heard should make such protest to the Belen Planning & Zoning Commission at the above stated date and time or comments can be mailed to the Belen Planning and Zoning Department at 100 South Main Street, Belen, NM 87002.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the governing body of the Village of Los Lunas will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at the regular Village Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers located at 660 Main Street NW to consider the following:

SCS Beverage, Inc., d/b/a 7-Eleven Food Store #57738, whose mailing address is 12700 Park Central Drive Ste. 1600, Dallas, TX 75251, is seeking a full package liquor license, License No. 0510, for the sale of package liquor. The proposed location is 3465 Main Street SE, Los Lunas, NM 87031.

Anyone wishing to comment may write to the Village of Los Lunas, Community Development Department, PO Box 1209 Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031 or attend the public hearing.

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING FOR THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A meeting of the MRGCD Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Board Room, 1931 Second Street, SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico. For questions, please call 505-247-0234. Public is welcome. An agenda of the meeting will be available on Friday, December 11, 2015, by calling our office or on the MRGCD website www.mrgcd.com. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the Administrative Secretary at (505) 247-0234 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Public documents, including the agenda and minutes can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact me at (505) 247-0234 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

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Thursday December 17, 2015 4:00 PM
Valencia County
Courthouse Commission Chambers
444 Luna Ave, Los Lunas, NM 87031

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 27, 2015

5. SWEARING IN OF PARTICIPANTS

6. ACTION ITEM (S):

A. REQUEST SET FOR A VARIANCE ON SET-BACKS
Application: V #2015357
Applicant: Joel Gutierrez
Purpose: Variance on setbacks to build a garage
Legal Description: T7N, R3E, Section 27, N.M.P.M.; Mesa View Subdivision; Tract 3B1; Zoned RR-1; Filed in Plat Cabinet N, Page 40, in the office of the Valencia County Clerk, also known as 72 Journey Rd.

This property is located at the south east corner of Amy Rd. and Journey Rd.
This property falls with District III County Commissioner Alicia Aguilar P&Z Commissioner Michael McCartney

B. REQUEST FOR A ZONE CHANGE FROM RR-2 TO C-2

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Application: ZC #2015370
Applicant: Telefor Sedillo Sr., (Ambrose R. Chavez-Agent)
Purpose: Rezone of property from RR-2 to C-2 to allow for a propane storage tank facility.
Legal Description: T6N, R2E, Section 20, Map 87, N.M.P.M.; Land of Telefor , and Martha Sedillo; Tract C, Zoned RR-2; Filed in Plat Cabinet I, Page 1137, in the office of the Valencia County Clerk.

This property is located off Highway 314 0.08 miles south east of Damacio Ln.
This property falls with District IV County Commissioner Charles Eaton P&Z Commissioner Leroy Baca

7. DISCUSSION

8. NEXT MEETING
Tuesday January 26, 2016 @ 4:00 PM

9. ADJOURNMENT

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VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners will participate in a Valencia County "Council of Governments" Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, December 14, 2015, at the Belen Public Library, 333 Becker Avenue Belen, New Mexico. Copies of the Agenda may be obtained online at www.co.valencia.nm.us, by calling (505) 866-2014 or at the Valencia County Administration Building. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the meeting, please contact the Valencia County Manager at 444 Luna Ave, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031, phone 505-866-2014 at least one (1) week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Public documents, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact the Valencia County Manager's office if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

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VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING NOTICE

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Business Meeting at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, at the Valencia County Administration Building in the Commission Chambers at 444 Luna Ave, Los Lunas, New Mexico. Copies of the Agenda may be obtained online at www.co.valencia.nm.us, by calling (505) 866-2014 or at the Valencia County Administration Building. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the meeting, please contact the Valencia County Manager at 444 Luna Ave, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031, phone 505-866-2014 at least one (1) week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Public documents, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact the Valencia County Manager's office if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

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City of Rio Communities ELECTION RESOLUTION Resolution No. 2015-51

Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Rio Communities that:

A. A regular municipal election for the election of municipal officers shall be held on March 1, 2016. Polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M.

B. At the regular municipal election, persons shall be elected to fill the following elective offices:

1. ONE Councilor for a four year term.

ONE Councilor for a four year term.

ONE Councilor for a two year term.

C. The following location is designated as polling place for the conduct of the regular municipal election:

1. Voters in Precinct(s) 29, 30, 32 and 34 shall vote at the City Council Chambers, 360 Rio Communities Blvd., Rio Communities, New Mexico.

D. Absentee Voting. Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained only from the office of the Municipal Clerk. All applications for an absentee ballot must be completed and accepted by the Municipal Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m., February 26, 2016. After 5:00 p.m. on February 26, 2016, all unused absentee ballots will be publicly destroyed by the Municipal Clerk. The Municipal Clerk will accept completed absentee ballots delivered by mail, or in person by the voter casting the absentee

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ballot, by a member of the voter's immediate family, or by the caregiver to the voter until 7:00 p.m. on March 1, 2016.

Absentee ballots may be marked in person in the office of the Municipal Clerk during the regular hours and days of business, beginning on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 and closing at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2016.

Early Voting. Early voting on paper ballots counted by electronic vote tabulator will be conducted in the office of the Municipal Clerk during the regular hours and days of business, beginning on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 and closing at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2016.

E. Persons desiring to register to vote at the regular municipal election must register with the County Clerk of Valencia County not later than Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 5:00 P.M., the date on which the County Clerk will close registration books.

F. All Declarations of Candidacy shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk, City Hall, 360 Rio Communities Blvd., Rio Communities, New Mexico on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

G. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors shall be recorded on paper ballots and to be counted by electronic vote tabulators. Adopted and approved this 1st day of December, 2015.

City of Rio Communities Governing Body

/s/Mark Gwinn, Mayor

/s/ Mary Lee Serna, Councilor Mayor Pro-temp

/s/ Robert Chavez, Councilor

/s/ Margaret (Peggy) Gutjahr, Councilor

/s/ Frank Stasi, Councilor

ATTEST:

/s/ Elizabeth (Lisa) Adair, Municipal Clerk

(To be published in accordance with 3-8-26A NMSA 1978.)

cc: County Clerk Secretary of State

City of Rio Communities RESOLUCION DE ELECCION Resoluci3n N3m. 2015-51

Sea resuelto por el cuerpo gobernante de la Ciudad de Rio Communities que:

A. Una elecci3n municipal regular para la elecci3n de oficiales municipales se llevar3 a cabo el 1 de marzo de 2016. Lugares de votaci3n estar3n abiertos al p3blico entre las horas de las 7:00 A.M. y las 7:00 P.M.

B. En la elecci3n municipal regular, individuos ser3n elegidos para ocupar los siguientes cargos electivos

1. UN Consejoal por un t3rmino de cuatro a3os.

UN Consejoal por un t3rmino de cuatro a3os.

UN Consejoal por un t3rmino de dos a3os.

C. Las siguientes localidades son designadas como locales para votar para llevar a cabo la elecci3n municipal regular:

1. Los votantes en el (los) Recinto(s) 29, 30, 32 and 34 votar3n en City Council Chambers 360 Rio Communities Blvd., Rio Communities, New Mexico.

D. Votaci3n en Ausencia. Solicitudes para obtener balotas para votar en ausencia pueden ser obtenidas 3nicamente de la oficina de la (del) Escribana(o) de la Municipalidad. La(EI) Escribana(o) de la Municipalidad debe llevar y aceptar todas las solicitudes para obtener una balota para votar en ausencia antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 26 de febrero de 2016. A partir de las 5:00 p.m. el 26 de febrero de 2016, la(eI) Escribana(o) de la Municipalidad p3blicamente destruir3 todas las balotas no utilizadas. La (EI) Escribana(o) de la Municipalidad aceptar3 las balotas completadas por la (el) votante que emite su balota, con el fin de votar en ausencia, que se le entregue por correo o en persona, de un miembro de la familia inmediata de la (del) votante, o del consejero al votante hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 1 de marzo de 2016.

Las balotas para votar en ausencia se pueden marcar en persona en la oficina de la (del) Escribana(o) de la Municipalidad, durante las horas y d3as h3biles, empezando el martes, 26 de 2016 de enero y terminando a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 26 de febrero de 2016.

Votaci3n por Anticipado. El recuento de los votos por anticipado, de papeleta, se llevar3 a cabo por un tabulador electr3nico en la oficina de la (del) Escribana(o) de la Municipalidad, durante las horas y d3as h3biles, empezando el mi3rcoles, 10 de febrero de 2016 y terminando a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 26 de febrero de 2016.

E. Las personas que deseen registrarse para votar en la elecci3n municipal regular,

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tienen que registrarse con la (el) Escribana(o) del condado de Valencia condado a m3s tardar el martes, 2 de febrero de 2016 a las 5:00 P.M., la fecha en que la (el) Escribana(o) del Condado cerrara los libros del registro.

F. Se archivar3 todas las Declaraciones de Candidatura con la Escribana Municipal, City Hall 360 Rio Communities Blvd., Rio Communities, New Mexico el martes, 5 de enero de 2016 entre las horas de las 8:00 A.M. y las 5:00 P.M.

G. Se har3 un record de los votos de los electores municipales calificados en papeletas y contado de las cuales se har3 un recuento por tabuladores electr3nicos.

Adoptada y aprobada este dia 1st de Diciembre de 2015.

City of Rio Communities Governing Body

/s/ Mark Gwinn, Mayor

/s/ Mary Lee Serna, Councilor Mayor Pro-temp

/s/ Robert Chavez, Councilor

/s/ Margaret (Peggy) Gutjahr, Councilor

/s/ Frank Stasi, Councilor

ATTEST:

/s/ Elizabeth (Lisa) Adair, Municipal Clerk

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cc: County Clerk Secretary of State

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NOTICE is hereby given that on October 1, 2015 co-applicants, the City of Rio Rancho, a New Mexico Municipal Corporation, c/o R. Scott Sensenbaurer, 3200 Civic Center Circle NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144, Max L. Kiehne and Barbara C. Kiehne Revocable Trust, c/o Max L. Kiehne, 2206 Sun Ranch Village Loop, Los Lunas, NM 87031 and Elizabeth Otero, 3107 Tennessee NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110 filed Application No. SD-09442 into RG-6745 et al. and companion Application for Temporary Transfer No. (RG-6745 et al. into SD-09442)-T with the STATE ENGINEER for Permit to Change Point of Diversion, Place, and Purpose of Use from Surface to Groundwater in the Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico. The applicants propose to discontinue the farm delivery requirement (FDR) of 8.790 acre-feet of surface water per annum (AFA), inclusive of a consumptive irrigation requirement (CIR) of 6.153 AFA from the Peralta Acequia, with a point of diversion on the Rio Grande at the Isleta Diversion Dam located at a point where X=346,037 meters, Y=3,863,880 meters, UTM NAD83, for the irrigation of 2.93 acres of land owned by Max L. Kiehne and Barbara C. Kiehne Revocable Trust and Elizabeth Otero, described as Tracts 115B1 (1.84 acres), 116A (0.20 acre) and 113A2 (0.89 acre) of MRGCD Map 66, within Section 13, Township 7 North, Range 2 East, NMMP, Valencia County, New Mexico. The above-described, move-from tracts are located south of Peralta, immediately off Hwy 47 and south of Andy Road, Valencia County, New Mexico. The applicants further propose to transfer the above-described consumptive use amount to the City of Rio Rancho's vested and permitted wells under RG-6745 et al., consisting of 35 existing and proposed system production wells, all located within the City of Rio Rancho metropolitan area within Sandoval County, for municipal use within the service area (owned by numerous owners) of the Rio Rancho municipal water system. Diversion of water under City of Rio Rancho's permit RG-6745 et al. shall not exceed 24,020.16 acre-feet per annum for domestic, commercial, industrial, housing subdivision, and related purposes within the service area of the Rio Rancho Municipal Water System. No increase in diversion is contemplated by the transfer of water rights under this application. This application is made for the purpose of complying with the Conditions of Approval of Permit No. RG-6745 et al., which requires the City of Rio Rancho to offset the impacts of groundwater pumping on surface flows of the Rio Grande and its tributaries. Under companion leaseback Application No. (RG-6745 et al. into SD-09442 into RG-6745 et al., described above, be retained at their move-from location for a period of 10 years subject to the necessary approval by the State Engineer for the reason that the water rights are not needed for the exercise of Permit RG-6745 et al. for the period of the lease back. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public

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Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 5550 San Antonio Drive NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109-4127, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (505) 383-4030. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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IN THE TRIBAL COURT PUEBLO OF ISLETA ISLETA, NEW MEXICO CIVIL COURT

IN THE MATTER OF: CARL BENJAMIN ESPINOZA, JR (DOB 6-28-2002)
By and through his next friend, Helen Baca, Petitioner

Case No. 15NAM-00134

NOTICE OF HEARING TO CHANGE NAME

Please take notice that a hearing will be held on December 17, 2015 at 11:00 o'clock AM before the Honorable Judge Vincent L. Knight Sr. at the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court, 3950 Highway 47 SE, Albuquerque, NM. All those who have an interest in this matter may appear and assert their claim.

/s/ Vincent L. Knight Sr.
Vincent L. Knight Sr.
Associate Judge, Pueblo of Isleta

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NOTICE OF LOS LUNAS SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 2015

The Los Lunas Schools Board of Education announces the following meetings for December 2015: December 1, 2015 - Finance Committee Meeting - CO Conference Room - 4:30 pm (Attendance by Invitation Only); Dec. 4-5, 2015 NMSBA Annual Convention NMSBA Annual Convention - Embassy Suites - 1000 Woodward Place Albuquerque, NM 87102 (Quorum will be in Attendance; December 8, 2015 - Regular Board Meeting - CO Board Room - 6:00 pm ; (Only One Regular Meeting in December) Unless otherwise noted, all board meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Los Lunas Schools Administration Building, located at 119 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico. Agendas are available in the Superintendent's Office (119 Luna Ave) 72 hours prior to the meeting, and are posted on the District's webpage at www.lischools.net. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service, to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the Superintendent's Office (865-9636) at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF VALENCIA THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

Karl Benavidez,
Petitioner/Plaintiff

v.

Cassandra Ramirez,
Respondent/Defendant

No. D1314DM2015-4663

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TC
Cassandra Ramirez,
Respondent/Defendant

GREETINGS:
You are hereby notified that the above -named Petitioner/Plaintiff has filed an action against you in the above -titled Court and Case, the general object thereof being: If you do not file a response in this case on or before thirty days after the third publication of this Notice, a default judgment may be entered against you. Your response must be filed with the above-titled court.

This case does not involve real property.

Name, mailing address and telephone number of Petitioner/Plaintiff or Petitioner's/Plaintiff's attorney:

Name: Karl Benavidez
Address: 606 Maddox Lp Belen, NM 87002
Telephone #: 357-8214

WITNESS the Honorable Judge Allen R. Smith, Div.III, District Court Judge of the 13th Judicial District Court of Valencia County this 18th day of November.

/s/Philip Romero, Clerk of the District Court

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Belen: Ideal area in Rio Abajo

from PAGE 1B

Land Grant were established in 1839 and the Belen Land Grant in 1740.

Since most of the grants were made within a 50-year period to groups of people from northern New Mexico, each village was well aware of the boundaries.

The site the future citizens of Belen eyed with favor for their grant was certainly desirable for agricultural pursuits. The village was to be situated in the flat valley on the west side of the Rio Grande. To the west and east were the dry tablelands. Covering this tableland were native grasses that became the pasture for the flocks and herds of the Belen settlers.

Though the Rio Grande was a slow moving river by the time it reached

Belen, it brought with it the sediment that had been deposited in the valleys around Belen for centuries, thus contributing to a rich farm land. Belen's section of the river valley remains today one of the finest agricultural lands in New Mexico. Stock raising, which was to figure prominently in the economy of the Rio Abajo, was also ideal in the Belen area.

In 1740, a group of 32 men and women settlers, led by Don Diego Torres applied and received a royal land grant from the governor and Captain Don Domingo Gaspar de Mendoza. The grant's name was Nuestra Senora de Belen, or Our Lady of Belen. The grant was a large one.

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from PAGE 1B

Chicken Parmesan with Garlic Sauteed Baby Broccoli

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Net carbs: 7.9 g
20 ounces boneless, cooked chicken breasts
salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
15 ounces canned tomato sauce
1/2 teaspoon ground dried basil
1/4 teaspoon leaf oregano
1 teaspoon sucralose sweetener (sugar substitute)

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 cup shredded whole milk mozzarella cheese
20 cups baby broccoli florets
1/2 teaspoon garlic
Heat oven to 350 F.
Using meat mallet, pound out chicken breasts until they are about 1/4- to 1/2-inch thick. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper, and place into preheated skillet over medium-high heat with 2 tablespoons oil. Cook until brown on both sides, about 2 minutes per side, then layer into 8-by-

8-inch baking pan.
In small bowl, combine tomato sauce, basil, oregano, sucralose and Parmesan cheese. Mix with spoon and pour over chicken. Layer mozzarella on top and bake 25-30 minutes, until cheese is melted and sauce is bubbly.
During last 10 minutes of cooking chicken, use same skillet to saute baby broccoli. Over medium-high heat, add garlic and broccoli to 2 remaining oil. Saute until broccoli is crisp-tender, about 5 minutes. Serve immediately with chicken.

Cauliflower-Cheddar Mash

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 8 minutes
Net carbs: 3.5 g
1 cup cauliflower
1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
Steam cauliflower in steamer basket over boiling water in medium covered sauce pot until tender, about 5 minutes. Remove to bowl and mash with fork. Top with cheese and season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

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By: /s/ Angel Yohn

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF VALENCIA
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

KIRTLAND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

V.

RICHARD P. DELOIA; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF RICHARD P DELOIA;
JUNE ANN DELOIA; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF JUNE ANN DELOIA;
JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE, Defendants.

NO. D-1314-CV-2015-00559

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled Court, having appointed the undersigned as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered the Special Master to sell the below described real property, situated in the County of Sandoval, State of New Mexico, more particularly described as: Lot numbered Six (6) in block numbered Eight (8), of ENCHANTED MESA UNIT 4, a subdivision in Valencia County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on said plat, filed with the Valencia County Clerk on July 24, 1970 in Cabinet A, Folio 104. The property may be located at 92 Moraga Street, Belen, NM 87002.

The sale shall commence at 11:30 a.m. on December 17, 2015, at the front entrance to the Valencia County Court House, at 1835 Hwy 314 SW, Los Lunas, NM 87031. The property will be sold "As Is" to the highest bidder for cash. The property will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and to any liens and assessments not otherwise foreclosed upon herein. Interested bidders should undertake to make their own determination as to the status of title. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the Special Master's discretion. Prospective purchasers at the sale are advised to make their own examination of the title and the condition of the property and further to consult their own attorney before bidding.

For purposes of this sale, "cash" shall mean (1) cash on hand, (2) other immediately available funds, including, but not limited to, bank cashiers checks, or (3) an irrevocable letter of credit payable at site issued by a financial institution acceptable to and in a form acceptable to the Special Master in an amount not less than the bid amount, delivered to and approved by the Special Master prior to sale. For purposes of this Sale, the term "immediately available funds" shall refer to those funds that can be delivered to the Special Master within TWENTY-FOUR (24) hours of the acceptance of the bid.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proceeds of sale will be applied as follows: first, to all costs and expenses of sale, including the Special Master's fee and costs; second, to the judgment awarded to Plaintiff in the amount of Count I- \$107,545.96, plus interest from April 17, 2015, at the rate of 4.5% per annum together with late fees of \$815.70 AND \$19,117.06, plus interest from April 17, 2015, at the rate of 7.99% per annum AND on Count II- \$14,179.80, plus interest from April 17, 2015, at the rate of 7.25% per annum; plus attorney fees in the amount of \$1,966.80 and costs incurred by Plaintiff in the amount of \$515.19, Expenses in the amount of \$187.25, taxes in the amount of \$779.10, insurance in the amount of \$1,235.05, plus interest from November 10, 2015, at the rate of 8.75% per annum; third, in such manner as the Court may determine by order entered after the sale. **NOTICE IS FINALLY GIVEN** that Plaintiff may bid and purchase the property at the foreclosure sale and may apply all or a portion of its judgment as cash toward the purchase price.

Respectfully submitted:
"Electronically filed"
By: s/Michael Kushner, attorney at law
MICHAEL KUSHNER
Special Master
P.O. Box 35487
Albuquerque, NM 87176-5487
(505) 254-8332

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO VALENCIA COUNTY THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL BULL, DECEASED.

No. D-1314-PB-2015-00085
HON: JAMES L. SANCHEZ

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the District Court of Valencia County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 1835 NM-314, Los Lunas, NM 87031. Dated: November 30th, 2015.

Linda Leighton
5187 Hacienda Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88011
(575)288-1325

SUBMITTED:
ESTRADA LAW, P.C.

By /s/ Michele Ungvarsky
Michele Ungvarsky, Esq.
4611 Research Park Circle
#A-112
Las Cruces, NM 88001
575.556.2462
Attorneys for the Estate of Michael Bull, Deceased.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BLOUNT COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM ARTHUR MCDANIEL DECEASED

CASE NO: 2015-192

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Petitioner, by and through counsel, having moved the Court for an Order directing service to be made by publication upon the defendant in the above styled action by publication of summons, and appearing from the affidavit attached thereto that the heir cannot be located this Order is due to be Granted.

DONE AND ORDERED THE 3rd DAY OF December, 2015.

/s/ Chris Green,
Probate Judge

NOTICE OF PROBATE ACTION

Dale McDaniel who is an individual whose whereabouts are unknown, is hereby notified of the filing of the Petition for Probate and Letters Testamentary over the Estate of William Arthur McDaniel, filed by Thomas McDaniel in the Probate Court of Blount County, Alabama.

Clerk, Probate Court of Blount County, Alabama

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PROCLAMATION

Section 1. The Special School District Election to vote on a general obligation bond question for the Belen Consolidated School District No. 2, Counties of Valencia and Socorro, New Mexico (the "District") shall be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016.

Section 2. At the Election the following general obligation bond question shall be submitted to the District's qualified electors:

"Shall the Board of Belen Consolidated School District, Belen, New Mexico, be authorized to issue up to \$16,000,000 of general obligation bonds for the purpose of erecting, furnishing, constructing, purchasing, remodeling and equipping buildings and utility facilities and making other real property improvements or purchasing grounds, or any combination of these purposes?"

FOR General Obligation Bonds
AGAINST General Obligation Bonds

Section 3. Precincts shall be consolidated for the election pursuant to Section 1-22-6,

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NMSA 1978, all as hereinafter set forth. The precincts, including consolidated precincts, and the location and designation of each polling place shall be as follows:

POLLING LOCATIONS Belen Consolidated School District No. 2 February 2, 2016

Belen Community Center
305 Eagle Lane
Belen, NM 87002

Los Chavez Fire Department
02 Bombero Circle
Belen, NM 87002

Don Jose Cultural Center
426 Jarales Road
Jarales, NM 87023

Belen Consolidated School District
Administration Building
520 North Main
Belen, NM 87002

All registered electors residing within the District who vote absentee will vote at the Office of the County Clerk. For purposes of absentee voting all of the Districts are consolidated into one single precinct and the location of the polling place for such absent voter precinct is the office of the County Clerk of Valencia County, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, New Mexico. Absentee voting will be permitted as authorized by Section 1-22-19 NMSA 1978, and the Absent Voter Act of the Election Code, Sections 1-6-1 through 1-6-18, NMSA 1978. Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained from the office of the County Clerk of Valencia County, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, New Mexico; however, at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2016, the County Clerk is required by statute to destroy unused absentee ballots, so completed applications must be returned to the County Clerk prior to that time. Absentee ballots of District voters may be marked in person at the office of the County Clerk of Valencia County, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, New Mexico, and delivered to the County Clerk from Friday, January 8, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. until Friday, January 29, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. At any time prior to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2016, any person whose absentee ballot application has been accepted and who was mailed an absentee ballot but who has not received the absentee ballot may execute, in the office of the County Clerk of Valencia County, a sworn affidavit stating that the voter did not receive or vote his absentee ballot. Upon receipt of the sworn affidavit, the County Clerk shall issue the voter a replacement absentee ballot. Sealed envelopes containing marked absentee ballots of District voters will be received by the County Clerk of Valencia County until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 2, 2016.

Section 4. The polling places will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on election day, Tuesday February 2, 2016.

Section 5. The County Clerk of Valencia County, New Mexico is required by law to close the registration books for the election at 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, and a person will be allowed to vote only if he or she is an elector of the District and currently registered to vote in the District at that time. Any qualified elector of the District who is not now registered and who wishes to vote at the election should register during regular office hours at the office of the County Clerk of Valencia County, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, New Mexico, or with any registration agent at a designated agency as provided in Sections 1-4-47 and 1-4-48, NMSA 1978, prior to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. For federal qualified electors and overseas voters, the County Clerk shall accept a certificate of registration by electronic transmission from a voter qualified to apply for and vote by absentee ballot in the District if the transmission is received before 5:00 p.m. on January 5, 2016.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of November, 2015.

BELEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.2, COUNTIES OF VALENCIA AND SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO

By: /s/ Larry Linberg
President

ATTEST:

By /s/ Dolores Lola Quintana
Secretary

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Sección 1. La Elección Extraordinaria del Distrito Escolar para votar sobre la cuestión de los bonos de obligación general para el Distrito Escolar Consolidado de Belén, Condados de Valencia y Socorro, Nuevo México (el "Distrito") se llevará a cabo el martes, 2 de febrero del 2016.

Sección 2. Se presentará a todos los electores calificados inscritos del Distrito en la elección extraordinaria del distrito escolar la pregunta siguiente:

"Deberá la Mesa Directiva de Distrito Escolar Consolidado de Belén ser autorizada para emitir hasta \$16,000,000 de bonos de obligación general con el fin de erigir, amueblar, construir, comprar, remodelar y equipar los edificios e instalaciones de utilidades, y hacer otras mejoras de bienes inmuebles, o comprar terrenos, o cualquier combinación de estos propósitos?"

A FAVOR de los Bonos de Obligación General

EN CONTRA de los Bonos de Obligación General

Sección 3. Se consolidarán los recintos para la elección conforme a la Sección 1-22-6 de NMSA 1978, según se especifica a continuación. Los recintos, incluso los recintos consolidados, y la ubicación y la designación de cada centro de votación se indican a continuación.

CENTROS DE VOTACIÓN Distrito Escolar Consolidado de Belén No. 2 2 de febrero de 2016

Belen Community Center
305 Eagle Lane
Belen, NM 87002

Los Chavez Fire Department
02 Bombero Circle
Belen, NM 87002

Don Jose Cultural Center
426 Jarales Road
Jarales, NM 87023

Belen Consolidated School District
Administration Building
520 North Main
Belen, NM 87002

Todo elector inscrito que reside dentro del Distrito que votará en ausencia votará en la Oficina de la Escribana.

Para fines de votación en ausencia, todos los Distritos se consolidan en un solo recinto y el centro de votación para dicho recinto de votación en ausencia está ubicado en la Oficina de la Escribana del Condado de Condado de Valencia, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, Nuevo México. Se permitirá la votación en ausencia según se autoriza en la Sección 1-22-19 NMSA 1978 y en la Ley de Votación en Ausencia del Código de Elecciones, las Secciones de 1-6-1 a 1-6-18 NMSA 1978. Se pueden conseguir las solicitudes para las boletas en ausencia en la Oficina de la Escribana del Condado de Condado de Valencia, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, Nuevo México; sin embargo, a las 5:00 de la tarde del lunes, 1º de febrero, se exige por ley que la Escribana destruya las boletas de votación en ausencia que no se hayan utilizado, por lo tanto, las solicitudes se tienen que devolver a la Escribana antes de esa hora. Las boletas de votación en ausencia de los votantes del Distrito se pueden marcar en persona en la Oficina de la Escribana del Condado de Valencia, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, Nuevo México, y se pueden entregar a la Escribana a partir del viernes, 8 de enero del 2016, a las 8:00 de la mañana, hasta el viernes, 29 de enero del 2016, a las 5:00 de la tarde. En cualquier momento antes de las 5:00 de la tarde del lunes, 1º de febrero del 2016, toda persona cuya solicitud de votación en ausencia se haya aceptado y a quién se le haya enviado una boleta en ausencia pero que no haya recibido la boleta en ausencia puede ejecutar, en la Oficina de la Escribana del Condado de Condado de Valencia, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, Nuevo México, una declaración jurada que afirme que no ha recibido ni ha votado con su boleta en ausencia. En cuanto se reciba la declaración jurada, la Escribana le expedirá al votante otra boleta en ausencia que sustituya la boleta original. Los sobres sellados que contengan las

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boletas en ausencia marcadas de los votantes del Distrito se recibirán en la Oficina de la Escribana del Condado de Valencia hasta las 7:00 de la noche del martes, 2 de febrero del 2016.

Sección 4. Los centros de votación estarán abiertos de las 7:00 de la mañana a las 7:00 de la noche del día de la elección, martes, 2 de febrero del 2016.

Sección 5. Conforme a la ley, se exige que la Escribana del Condado de Valencia, Nuevo México cierre los libros de inscripción para de la elección a las 5:00 de la tarde del martes, 5 de enero del 2016, y solo se permitirá que voten las personas que sean electores del Distrito con tal que estén inscritas para votar en el Distrito en ese momento. Todo elector calificado del Distrito que no esté inscrito actualmente y que desee votar en la elección debe inscribirse durante las horas hábiles ordinarias de la Oficina de la Escribana del Condado de Condado de Valencia, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, Nuevo México o con un agente de inscripciones en una agencia que se haya designado conforme a las Secciones 1-4-47 y 1-4-48 de NMSA 1978, antes de las 5:00 de la tarde del martes, 5 de enero del 2016. Para los votantes federales calificados y los votantes que estén fuera del país, la Escribana aceptará un certificado de inscripción por transmisión electrónica de los votantes calificados para solicitar una boleta en ausencia y para votar con la misma en el Distrito con tal que se reciba dicha transmisión antes de las 5:00 de la tarde del 5 de enero del 2016.

SE APROBÓ Y ADOPTÓ este día 12 de noviembre del 2015.

DISTRITO ESCOLAR CONSOLIDADO DE BELÉN, CONDADOS DE VALENCIA Y SOCORRO, NUEVO MÉXICO

Por: /s/ Larry Lindberg
Presidente

DOY FE:

Por: /s/ Dolores Lola Quintana
Secretaria/a

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PROCLAMATION

Section 1. The Special School District Election to vote on a general obligation bond question for the Los Lunas School District No. 1, County of Valencia, New Mexico (the "District") shall be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016.

Section 2. At the Election the following general obligation bond question shall be submitted to the District's qualified electors:

"Shall the Board of Los Lunas School District, Los Lunas, New Mexico, be authorized to issue up to \$25,000,000 of general obligation bonds for the purpose of erecting, furnishing, constructing, purchasing, remodeling and equipping buildings and utility facilities and making other real property improvements or purchasing grounds, or any combination of these purposes?"

FOR General Obligation Bonds
AGAINST General Obligation Bonds

Section 3. Precincts shall be consolidated for the election pursuant to Section 1-22-6, NMSA 1978, all as hereinafter set forth. The precincts, including consolidated precincts, and the location and designation of each polling place shall be as follows:

POLLING LOCATIONS Los Lunas School District No. 1 February 2, 2016

Administration Building
Los Lunas Public Schools
119 Luna Avenue
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Peralta Elementary School
3645 Highway 47
Peralta, NM 87042

Ann Parish Elementary School
112 Meadow Lake Rd
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Fred Luna Senior Center
197 Don Pasqual
Los Lunas, New Mexico
87031

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444 Luna Ave.
Valencia County Courthouse
Los Lunas, NM 87031
All registered electors residing within the District who vote absentee will vote at the Office of the County Clerk.

For purposes of absentee voting all of the Districts are consolidated into one single precinct and the location of the polling place for such absent voter precinct is the office of the County Clerk of Valencia County, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, New Mexico. Absentee voting will be permitted as authorized by Section 1-22-19 NMSA 1978, and the Absent Voter Act of the Election Code, Sections 1-6-1 through 1-6-18, NMSA 1978. Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained from the office of the County Clerk of Valencia County, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, New Mexico; however, at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2016, the County Clerk is required by statute to destroy unused absentee ballots, so completed applications must be returned to the County Clerk prior to that time. Absentee ballots of District voters may be marked in person at the office of the County Clerk of Valencia County, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, New Mexico, and delivered to the County Clerk from Friday, January 8, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. until Friday, January 29, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. At any time prior to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2016, any person whose absentee ballot application has been accepted and who was mailed an absentee ballot but who has not received the absentee ballot may execute, in the office of the County Clerk of Valencia County, a sworn affidavit stating that the voter did not receive or vote his absentee ballot. Upon receipt of the sworn affidavit, the County Clerk shall issue the voter a replacement absentee ballot. Sealed envelopes containing marked absentee ballots of District voters will be received by the County Clerk of Valencia County until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 2, 2016.

Section 4. The polling places will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on election day, Tuesday, February 2, 2016.

Section 5. The County Clerk of Valencia County, New Mexico is required by law to close the registration books for the election at 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, and a person will be allowed to vote only if he or she is an elector of the District and currently registered to vote in the District at that time. Any qualified elector of the District who is not now registered and who wishes to vote at the election should register during regular office hours at the office of the County Clerk of Valencia County, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, New Mexico, or with any registration agent at a designated agency as provided in Sections 1-4-47 and 1-4-48, NMSA 1978, prior to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. For federal qualified electors and overseas voters, the County Clerk shall accept a certificate of registration by electronic transmission from a voter qualified to apply for and vote by absentee ballot in the District if the transmission is received before 5:00 p.m. on January 5, 2016.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of November, 2015.

LOS LUNAS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, COUNTY OF VALENCIA, NEW MEXICO

By: /s/ Georgia Otero
Kirkham, President

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Bryan C. Smith
Secretary

PROCLAMACIÓN

Sección 1. La Elección Extraordinaria del Distrito Escolar para votar sobre la cuestión de bonos de obligación general para el Primer Distrito Escolar de Los Lunas, Condado de Valencia, Nuevo México (el "Distrito") se llevará a cabo el martes, 2 de febrero del 2016.

Sección 2. En la Elección se presentará la siguiente cuestión de bonos de obligación general a los electores calificados del Distrito:

"¿Se deberá autorizar al Comité del Distrito Escolar de Los Lunas, Los Lunas, Nuevo México, para que emita hasta \$25,000,000 de bonos de obligación general para el fin de erigir, amueblar, construir,

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comprar, remodelar y equipar los edificios y las instalaciones de utilidad y para llevar a cabo otras mejoras a los bienes inmuebles o para comprar terrenos o para una combinación de dichos fines?"

A FAVOR de los Bonos de Obligación General

EN CONTRA de los Bonos de Obligación General

Sección 3. Se consolidarán los recintos para la elección conforme a la Sección 1-22-6 de NMSA 1978, según se especifica a continuación. Los recintos, incluso los recintos consolidados, y la ubicación y la designación de cada centro de votación se indican a continuación:

CENTROS DE VOTACIÓN Primer Distrito Escolar de Los Lunas 2 de febrero del 2016

Administration Building
Los Lunas Public Schools
119 Luna Avenue
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Peralta Elementary School
3645 Highway 47
Peralta, NM 87042

Ann Parish Elementary School
112 Meadow Lake Rd
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Fred Luna Senior Center
197 Don Pasqual
Los Lunas, Nuevo México
87031

Absentee Voting
444 Luna Ave.
Valencia County Courthouse
Los Lunas, NM 87031
Todos los electores inscritos que vivan dentro del Distrito y quienes votan en ausencia votarán en la Oficina de la Escribana del Condado.

Para fines de votación en ausencia, todos los Distritos se consolidan en un solo recinto y el centro de votación para dicho recinto de votación en ausencia está ubicado en la Oficina de la Escribana del Condado de Valencia, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, Nuevo México. Se permitirá la votación en ausencia según se autoriza en la Sección 1-22-19 de NMSA 1978 y en la Ley de Votación en Ausencia del Código de Elecciones, las Secciones de 1-6-1 a 1-6-18 de NMSA 1978. Se pueden conseguir las solicitudes para las boletas en ausencia en la Oficina de la Escribana del Condado de Valencia, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, Nuevo México; sin embargo, a las 5:00 de la tarde del lunes, 1º de febrero, se exige por ley que la Escribana destruya las boletas de votación en ausencia que no se hayan utilizado, por lo tanto, las solicitudes se tienen que devolver a la Escribana antes de esa hora. Las boletas de votación en ausencia de los votantes del Distrito se pueden marcar en persona en la Oficina de la Escribana del Condado de Valencia, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, Nuevo México, y se pueden entregar a la Escribana a partir del viernes, 8 de enero del 2016, a las 8:00 de la mañana, hasta el viernes, 29 de enero del 2016, a las 5:00 de la tarde. En cualquier momento antes de las 5:00 de la tarde del lunes, 1º de febrero del 2016, toda persona cuya solicitud de votación en ausencia se haya aceptado y a quién se le haya enviado una boleta en ausencia pero que no haya recibido la boleta en ausencia puede ejecutar, en la Oficina de la Escribana del Condado de Valencia, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, Nuevo México, una declaración jurada que afirme que el votante no ha recibido ni ha votado con su boleta en ausencia. En cuanto se reciba la declaración jurada, la Escribana le expedirá al votante otra boleta en ausencia que sustituya la boleta original. Los sobres sellados que contengan las boletas en ausencia marcadas de los votantes del Distrito se recibirán en la Oficina de la Escribana del Condado de Valencia hasta las 7:00 de la noche del martes, 2 de febrero del 2016.

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Pursuant to the New Mexico Storage Lien Act of 1987, Secure Self Storage Inc., 801 Emilio Lopez Rd. NW, Los Lunas, NM 87031 will accept sealed bids December 22, 2015 from 10:00am to 11am to satisfy Lien on Unit:

G-22 Daniel Ziegler, 1147 Eagle Wings Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88007
Contents: Tools, misc.

F-01 & M-18 Daniel Peck/Danielle Nelson, P.O. Box 27193, Albuquerque, NM 87125
Contents: Camping Gear, Tools, Bikes, Household items

Auction may be withdrawn at any time and disposed of as required by law.

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en el Distrito en ese momento. Todo elector calificado del Distrito que no esté inscrito actualmente y que desee votar en la elección debe inscribirse durante las horas hábiles ordinarias de la Oficina de la Escribana del Condado de Valencia, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, Nuevo México o con cualquier agente de inscripciones en una agencia que se haya designado conforme a las Secciones 1-4-47 y 1

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OUR 59th YEAR OF PUBLICATION

BELEN, NEW MEXICO 87002

MONDAY, AUGUST 5th, 1968

City Observes 50th Birthday

By Pat Berrett

Fifty years are but a brief moment in the history of time, but in the history of a community, fifty years are enough to take it from a few small stores and scattered houses to a transportation center of 8000 citizens.

The tale of Belen cannot be told by relating the incidents that have transpired in the past 50 years since it was incorporated in 1918, we must go further back, not to 1740 when the Spanish settled the area, but into the late 1800's, to the beginnings of growth in the Valley. An influx of merchants and tradesmen in the late 1870's brought a new prosperity to the Valley community.

Along with the increased availability of merchandise

came many new services. 1873 brought a post office to Belen. Housed in the John Becker store with Mr. Becker as postmaster the residents of Belen were no longer forced to go to Los Lunas to receive the few letters that came to the Valley.

The coming of the AT&SF railroad in 1880 gave the community an additional boost. By 1885 the community could also boast a school. The Valencia County High School was located in Belen and served as educational center for most of the county.

Even though the community was prospering economically and industrially the population did not increase. In 1900 the population stood at a meager 673. The turn of the century

saw a change in the Valley as the population began to grow along with the number of new establishments in Belen.

The First National Bank opened for business in 1903 and the Belen Tribune, the Valley's first newspaper, was established in 1906. The Belen Cut-off in 1907 linked the town by railroad to Amarillo and opened many new avenues of trade for Belenites.

With the additions the town grew and by 1910 the population stood at 1,773, an increase of 1,100 persons in 10 years. 1910 also saw the birth of two new newspapers, the Hispano Americano and the Belen News. Both papers were started by Saturinino Baca and were later merged into one bi-lingual paper.

As Belen advanced so did the rest of the nation and in 1912 New Mexico was admitted to the Union. The next few years saw the town continue to grow, not at a rapid rate but at a steady growth.

By 1918 the efforts of the late Paul Dalies and several other prominent citizens had led to the decision to incorporate Belen and so sometime in 1918 the Village of Belen came into existence. The exact date is not known since all the records of the incorporation have either been lost or misplaced, both in Belen and Santa Fe.

The records for many of the activities of these early days no longer exist, but through recollections of several of the citizens who remember Belen

at this time, it is known that some time shortly after the incorporation a mayor and board of trustees were elected to handle the affairs of the Village.

A lumber yard owner, Bernard Jacobson, was elected first mayor and remained in that position until 1922. Paul Dalies was appointed village clerk.

The names of the members of the first Board of Trustees are not available but it was through their efforts that most of the basic ordinances for governing a municipality were drafted and passed.

The first Village Ordinance was passed on July 1, 1919, and provided for the methods of enacting ordinances. Other

ordinances passed at this time provided for Village officials, taxes, traffic regulations, and fire limits.

Civic organizations were also beginning to form during this time. One of the earliest that formed was the Woman's Club in 1919 with Mrs. Radcliffe as president.

A model T fire truck was bought in 1921 and a fire chief appointed by the Village. Also during this early growth plans were made to bring in water and light service to the residents of Belen.

In 1922 residents elected Manuel Garcia, father of Joseph Garcia (Belen School's Director of Instruction), as mayor, a post he was to hold for eight years. Members of

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THIS IS BELEN AS IT APPEARED IN 1920. The photo was taken by Hallagren of Sterling, Colo., and is owned by the Becker-Dalies Co. The John Becker store at left, was the largest building in town, located at the intersection of the main streets of the community. The store is housed in the same building today. Further down the street and seen in the

background behind the horses and buggies is the Gobel Store. The two-story building was located where Gil's Bakery and Dining Room is today. To the right of Gobel's Store is the Belen Cash and Carry and McCormick's Garage. Hansen-Waldrop Ford is located at this site today. The next building to the right is one of the buildings that now houses the Public

Service Company. The next building to the right is the old First National Bank building, which today houses the Belen Savings and Loan offices. In the background between the Public Service offices and the old bank is seen the Valencia County High School. The building was torn down in the late 1950's and Safeway store was erected on the site in 1963.



THIS IS BELEN AS IT APPEARS TODAY -- In a view of has had a face-lifting. The Hansen-Waldrop Ford agency and lights has made quite a difference in the appearance of the Belen roughly corresponding to the pictures above, this shows the new and modern First National Bank are shown at right. streets shown in the old and new photos. a picture of modern Belen. The Becker-Dalies store at left The addition of modern thoroughfares, street lights and traffic

Early-Day History Recalled

From the News Bulletin, May 17, 1962:

By W. E. Goebel

I can't recall when the Air-brake was perfected, but I do remember that hand-brakes were the rule in my youth. The brakeman (so named because of their duties of setting brakes by hand) all carried short pickaxe handles to provide extra leverage to the hand wheels on train cars. When a train approached the station the locomotive did not have enough braking power to stop it, so the head "Brakey" (as he was called) would start at the head of the train, while the rear "Brakey" would start at the Caboose and work forwards, setting brakes by hand. When the train was ready to start again the process was reversed. Schedules? Apparently there were none. On occasion, the entire train crew would repair to the agent's little grocery store, across the street, and imbibe some good-cheer, after which they would proceed on their way. Passenger Cars also had brake-wheels, some on vertical shafts, others which folded down, while others had long ratchet arms.

Belen, in those days, was a struggling community. The whites had built a private school for their children, (still standing, and now being used as a residence) in the rear, at the corner of Goebel Ave. and Main St., which was, until recently, the office of Dr. Rivas; is the property of Ignacio Chavez. The costs of educating the children was \$1.00 per month, per child, this, I believe, constituted the teacher's salary, which amounted, more or less, to about \$30.00 or \$40.00 a month. Very few native children attended because of the costs. Just to the south of the school was the village "Smithy" who had a pitcher-pump. There we would go with a galvanized bucket to get water for our school. A tin dipper was the means of getting a drink. Life was rugged, so we got by without contracting any diseases.

Life was rugged - the north-bound passenger train came through about 5:30 p.m. We kids would wait for it with our nickles and dimes to buy candies from the "News-Butcher." Precious expenses since we got no allowances, as is the case nowadays; we had to earn ours.

John Becker paid his boys 25¢ for every rat caught and 10¢ for a mouse; my dad wasn't quite so affluent. He could pay only 5¢ per mouse and 10¢ per rat, so we didn't earn too much. Whenever a shipment of watermelons came in we would help the station master unload; invariably, he would drop one, so we had a melon feast whenever this happened.

Life was rugged - when Mr. Becker had the post-office moved to his own establishment, the transportation of the mail-bag to and from the depot fell to a deaf-mute. For some inexplicable reason he was never held up, or molested, during all the years he had

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Public Utilities In Belen Have Not Always Been Public

Public utilities have not always been public. At one time it was each persons responsibility to generate his electricity, supply his water and dispose of his trash. From remembrances of several old timers the following story of utilities in Belen in the early 1900's has been put together.

The recollections have been supplemented by facts which complete the story of the utilities. Water and disposal of trash were carried out by each individual household in the manner each found most convenient. Wells were dug and trash was buried and that was the extent of utilities for many years.

The growth of the John Becker era lead to better things. A water tower was erected and a well and pump were installed in the early 1900's. The tower was used to supply water to a limited number of residents and businesses in the area.

A few years later electricity was introduced to the area on an individual basis. Each home or group of homes had its own generator which was used only when needed. The generators were water-powered affairs located in irrigation ditches in the area.

It was during the late teens or the early 20's that telephones were introduced to the area. The records are unavailable for this period due to the fact that an unidentified Colorado company was in charge of telephone service in the area until 1937 when Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph took over.

Little is remembered of the early phone service but there are vague references to the fact that the switch board and operators were located upstairs in a room in the building now occupied by Tommy's Lounge. At that time the building was known as the Belen Mercantile Company.

A 1933 phone directory for the Albuquerque area has listings for Belen and other

Valley communities. Two pages of the book which is the same size as the present day Belen directory, list Belen numbers. Not more than 100 phones were in service at that time. In 1937 MST&T began operations in the area and by 1940 were serving 228 customers. The company moved to its office at 7th and Reinken in Dec. 1952, the same year it began dial phone service. The company moved to its present office in 1966 and serves 3,548 customers today.

Back to electric facilities we find in 1922 the establishment of the Belen Light and Power Company. In 1923 the Company was formally incorporated, sold stock, changed the name of the company to the Belen Water and Light Company, and began service. Operations began in the fall of 1923 with the completion of a power plant constructed in September of that year.

Service then was quite different from what we know today. Power was only turned on for short periods of time on appointed days of the week. Power might be turned on for two hours on Monday morning for washing, two hours on Tuesday for ironing, and so on for the week. Power was also turned on for a period of time in the evenings so that merchants might stay open and that street lights might be operated.

The company merged with the New Mexico Power Company of Santa Fe in 1927. In 1936 power was brought in from Albuquerque and in 1941 Albuquerque Gas and Electric Company purchased the Belen operation properties assets and operating franchise.

In 1946 Public Service Company was formed and Belen operations passed to the control of the Albuquerque division. In 1954 Belen became the Public Service Company's fifth operating division and today serves some 4,000 customers in the area.

The organization of early water and sewer utilities was shuffled back and forth among various companies and the city during the early 1920's but in 1926 a \$100,000 water and sewer bond was passed by the Village and the community took over the job. The city has continued to extend its service through the years and today serves 1,711 homes in the city.

Natural gas was one of the last utilities to come to Belen. The first gas line was opened by New Mexico Natural Gas Company in 1940 and served about 300 customers. Southern Union took over the area in 1946. Since that time the company has endeavored to provide more extensive service. Its main accomplishments other than extending services are the tie in with El Paso Natural Gas in 1962 as a back up system and the completion of the Manzano Meter shop in 1964.

The meter shop handles meter repairs for all of New Mexico, Arizona and parts of Texas. With 187.2 miles of lines Southern Union today serves 1,614 Belen customers.

The last utility to come to Belen was that of garbage collection. On July 15, 1947, the Town of Belen began collecting garbage in the city limits. 375 customers were served at the time. The service ran into trouble early. The dump truck used to collect

trash broke down frequently and the alleys were sometimes impassable.

The fee for collection was 50 cents per month and the town lost an average of \$250 per month on the service. Ordinances regarding the col-

lection of trash were not followed and for a while it seemed the city might discontinue the service, but as time progressed things improved and by 1949 the city had leased a garbage truck.

The service today is efficient and serves all city residents. A sewage disposal plant constructed in 1949 and the city dump handle all the waste products of the community.

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THE SCHOLLE STORE--This is a picture of the old Scholle Store. Today the U & R Shoe Store is located here and the building is known as the Brentari Building.

Beginning Of Postal Service Dates To 1873

The beginning of postal service in Belen dates back to 1873 when John Becker established the first Post Office in a single room in the old Becker building with himself as Postmaster. When the Village of Belen was incorporated in 1918 the postal system remained much the same although the location of the office had changed.

The office was then in the building where Mayo Boucher has his office today. George Huffman was Postmaster at this time having taken over the job in 1913 when Mr. Becker retired from the post after serving 40 years.

In 1924 Manuel Garcia took over the job and continued in that capacity until 1926. Mr. Garcia was also mayor of Belen during this period. By 1935 the volume of mail had increased to the point that the Post Office employed one clerk in addition to the Postmaster.

As the town continued to grow and the need for better mail services increased the mail services increased, the post office further enlarged its staff and added services. On June 1, 1942, the first delivery route was started. In 1951 the first rural route was begun and in 1952 the Post Office moved to a new building at 210 S. Main, the building now occupied by the Gambles store.

The Department expanded its facilities again in 1963 and moved into its present building at 6th and Baca in November of that year. The Postal Service has continued to expand with the growth of the city and today boasts one rural route, two star routes and three city routes. At present six clerks and an assistant postmaster are employed and work under the direction of E.S. Castillo, newly appointed Postmaster.

The second Valencia County Fair was held in what is today the Methodist Church.

Central Barber Shop Offers Latest In Up-To-Date Styling

The Central Barber Shop located at 512 Becker Ave. is owned and operated by Elfego H. Baca. Mr. Baca attended the American Barber College in Los Angeles and began barbering in 1939. After passing his State Board exams, serving his apprenticeship and obtaining his Masters License, Mr. Baca worked in Albuquerque and Las Cruces before coming to Belen in the early 1940's.

After serving four years in the Air Force during World War II, Mr. Baca established in his present location. A native of Belen and a graduate of Belen High School Mr. Baca is one of the most progressive barbers in Belen.

When hair styling for men became a big item in New Mexico, Mr. Baca was one of the 17 barbers who took the first hair styling course offered in the state.

Mr. Baca believes that as styles change the persons responsible for the grooming of the public must change their methods and ideas and offer the most up to date services.

Some of the new services offered by the Central Barber Shop in the past year are razor cutting, shear blending,

Early Chamber of Commerce activities centered on roads. The chamber was active getting Highway 6 under the State Highway Department.

hair piece fitting and care, and hair coloring and styling. Specializing in hair styling, Mr. Baca has attended several institutes and seminars on hair styling. Most of these institutes feature some of the world's best professional bar-

bers from the East and Europe.

These new services are for those who wish to present their best appearance at all times, a goal which may be obtained by being well groomed with a complementary hair style at all times.

As Belen enters its 50th year, Mr. Baca is in his 28th year of barbering and wishes Belen congratulations at this time.

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A Salute To Belen As An Incorporated Municipality

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the board of trustees at this time were H.E. Byers and Abelicio Sanchez. During the first Garcia Administration an effort was begun towards installing a sewer and water system.

It was during 1922 that electricity came to Belen also. The administration pushed hard for the water and sewer issues and by 1924 during Garcia's second term a \$100,000 water and sewer bond was passed. The first sewer and water lines were installed late that year in most parts of town under the direction of the late H. Garrett.

In 1924 the first Valencia County Fair was held in Belen. Dr. E.G. Brentari was superintendent of that first fair held in the manual training department of the high school. The high school at that time located in the red brick building which still stands at 217 S. 4th.

It was May 2, 1924, that the Belen Chamber of Commerce was organized. Paul Dalies was president of the Chamber and Edwin H. Leupold served as its first secretary. The first Boy Scout troop in Belen was also organized during this time.

In 1926 Garcia was reelected mayor for his third term with D.G. Garcia, Ignacio Aragon, H.E. Byers and Pedro Gabaldon comprising the board of trustees. These members of the board were to serve until 1930. From 1926 through 1928 activity was limited in the areas of civic improvement and other advances, the only notable additions to the community being a dirt strip airport located on the mesa and the building of the old high school gym.

Construction of the present Feil & Ellermeyer store was completed and the store was moved to the new building. In the next 12 years, until the start of World War II, Belen advanced, with a swimming pool, Library, and volunteer fire department being added to the list of Belen assets.

The swimming pool, owned by the late Frank Garcia, was one of the best in the state at the time. Pictures of the pool, located at 14th and Reinken, show many of today's prominent citizens enjoying themselves in their youth. Also in 1929 city fathers took a big step forward by adopting a building code for the Village.

1930 saw a revolution in entertainment. The first talking movie came to Belen. The Central Theatre (located in the building Hub Furniture occupies today) showed its first talking picture on April 20 of that year, and installed the most modern sound equipment available at that time to provide the new innovation in movies.

In 1930 Con Hendren was elected mayor to replace Manuel Garcia. Trustees elected that year were R. Gallegos, Mal Tate, A. Garcia, and M. Castillo. It was in 1930 also that the first PTA was organized in Belen.

1931 brought an improved building code and some of the first paving in Belen. Sections of the original Belen Townsite were paved. Also in 1931 heavy

storms in the Valley forced schools to close for several days.

In 1932 Belen lost one of its leading citizens in the death of John Becker. Mr. Becker's funeral was attended by several hundred friends of the man who started a small mercantile store in the Valley and helped the Valley grow and prosper.

Mal Tate moved up from Trustee to mayor in the 1932 election. Board of trustee members elected that year were Rosendo Gallegos, Agapito Garcia, Frank Jaramillo, and D.G. Garcia. The water system was updated and several improvements in the conditions of the communities streets were made.

Main Street was paved in 1934 by the State Highway Department and several other streets were paved and oiled. New Traffic ordinances were enacted at this time and stop signs and street signs were installed.

Mal Tate was reelected mayor for his second term and with Board of Trustee members Jose M. Garcia, David Baca, Placido Jaramillo and F.W. Campbell, began a program to update the sewer system in the Village and passed ordinances providing for curbs and gutters. The Tate Administration installed automatic streetlights at Main and Becker in 1935, the year that schools were closed and several businesses reported minor damage caused by earthquakes. 36 minor shocks and 7 severe ones were reported in the seven day period from December 12, 1935, to Dec. 19. Little damage was reported and no one was injured, but the atmosphere in the community was reported as tense.

In 1936 Tate and the same board of trustees began their third term in office and continued to improve the community by moving the City Hall to its present location in 1937. The WPA-built City Hall, replacing the offices of Village officials that had previously been in the building next to the present Fire Station

A sidewalk ordinance was passed and a grader was purchased by the Village to maintain the streets. The Rotary Club was started March 11, 1937, and elected H. Garrett its first president. School enrollment reached an all time high in 1937 with 1,365 children attending classes.

The population had continued to grow through the ten years and was estimated at 4,250 in October of 1937. 1938 saw Tate begin his fourth term with the only change in the board of trustees being M.J. Johnson replacing F.W. Campbell.

Natural gas was the big story in 1939. Construction of a line was begun in early 1939 and completed in late December of that year. The gas line installed by New Mexico Natural Gas Company served about 300 meters in Belen when it was opened in early 1940.

Recreation received a big boost with the installing of lights at the softball field. Night softball was an attract-

ion and gave Belen added prestige in the field of sports.

1940 brought a change in Village government and a change in status for the community of 3,035 persons. Waite J. Keeny was elected mayor with Dave Baca, George Mitchell, Sam Bustamante, and J.M. Garcia serving as trustees.

The change in status came on May 16, 1940, when Belen dropped the title of Village and became a Town. With war at hand the growth and advancement slowed down.

The Onate Theater opened August 9, 1940. Two months later, Oct. 24, 1940, the draft board was organized and the call for men began. Members of the early draft board remember that through the war years the American Legion was an active organization in the community and organized scrap drives to aid the war effort.

During one drive a dump truck was borrowed from the school and used to collect scrap metal and haul it to the triangle in front of the old First National Bank. As the drive progressed a rally was held at the scrap pile to urge citizens to subscribe to War Bonds. The Bonds were subscribed to in the Belen area it is recalled.

The drive concluded and Belen shipped four carloads of scrap to Colorado Fuel and Iron in Pueblo, Colo. Part of the funds raised in the drive were used to buy a resuscitator for Belen.

1942 brought another change in city government with the election of Don Redenbaugh as mayor and W.R. DeMasters and Ramon Tafoya as trustees. During the war period air raid practices were common throughout the country and Belen participated in its share.

Materials were scarce during the period and L.C. Becker recalls that one difficulty was obtaining pipe to repair water mains and extend service. In 1944 voters traveled to the polls by stage coach to conserve gasoline. The old Felipe Chavez stagecoach then owned by Carl Halama was used to carry voters that reelected Don Redenbaugh in what was termed the quietest election in the history of Belen.

The incumbent trustees were all reelected. Redenbaugh served until July, 1946, at which time his health forced him to resign and L.C. Becker was appointed in his place and served out the term.

It was in 1946 that the hospital was built. The hospital at that time was known as the Peterson Osteopathic Hospital. Forty-six was also the year the Belen Bulletin was started under the ownership of George Perkins.

Southern Union Gas Company also began service here that year. 1947 was a year of growth in the town with the installation of street lights, the introduction of garbage collection, the purchase of a new fire truck, and the establishment of a police court. Even at this date the airport controversy raged and after much discussion an airport was located near the fair grounds.

Swimming has always been popular and it was in 1948 that the city purchased a swimming pool for the use of Belen residents. With the aid of the U.S. Public Health Service, city officials began a mosquito spray program and bought equipment to spray for insect pests.

City government also changed in 1948. Earl Peter took over the job of mayor with Max Romero, W.R. DeMasters, C.A. Anthony, and Paul C. Gabaldon serving as councilmen. Under the Peter administration the first city-owned police car was purchased in 1948. Prior to this time patrolmen had to use their own cars and were then paid mileage.

Radio station KENE owned by the Belen Broadcasting Company began operating from offices at 519 Dalies Avenue on June 1, 1949. The station closed in early 1950. That year the city purchased a garbage truck and the then uncertain garbage service took on a new aspect. A sewage disposal plant was completed that year and an improved water and sewer system was installed to accommodate the growing community. The Belen Bus Company received a franchise in 1949 and began service.

Incumbent Earl Peter and his councilmen were reelected in 1950 and continued their civic improvements. In a recent conversation with Mr. Peter he stated that, "This period was the turning point in the town's history. The town had set here for many many years, just coasting along. The period right after the war was the time to grow."

And grow the town did. From 1950 to 1960 the population increased from 4,495 to 5,031. During the early Fifties the town expanded with the addition of the Frank Garcia Annex and an extensive expansion of the facilities of the AT&SF railroad yards in 1952. The water well and the million gallon storage tank on the west mesa were installed at this time.

The hospital received AMA sanction in 1950 and officially became the Belen General Hospital. A new bridge replacing the rickety affair in use over the Rio Grande on Highway 6 was built with the aid of the state in 1952 and aided transportation a great deal.

One sad event during this period was a polio epidemic in 1952 which left more than 40 people in the county afflicted.

The town grew with the introduction of new businesses during the next few years. At one time plans were made for a cement plant and a copper leaching plant in the area and it was at this time that El Paso Natural Gas opened its plant south of town.

The mining industry was revived in the area with the discovery of uranium at Grants. Prospectors of all types were active in the area for several years during the 50's.

In 1956 the present Junior High School and the New Central School were built as an indication of the increase in

population in the area. Paving District #1 was established and the first real paving was done in the community. One hundred thirteen blocks were paved in 1956. Paving continued and by 1959 the third Paving District had been established covering 90 blocks of residential areas in the town.

1956 was also the year that the present swimming pool was built by the city. In use since June of that year the pool has served as a summer recreation center for all the youth of Belen to the present date.

In 1958 the city purchased a new fire truck which is still in use today along with the one purchased in 1947. It was also in 1958 that a traffic hazard was eliminated. The overpass north of town was completed in November of that year and prevented a dangerous crossing of the railroad tracks.

The airport question was brought up again and the citizens defeated a bond issue to build an airport. Building was begun on the new Tabet Shopping Center in 1959. The center was an indication of the town's realization that a face lifting was necessary, a process that has been going on ever since.

The city purchased a street sweeper that year in their efforts to improve the appearance of the community. In 1956 city government had changed again with the election of Neel Alexander as mayor and Earl McManis, Camilio Aragon, Luis Torres and W.R. DeMasters as councilmen.

Alexander was reelected in 1958 with Wm. F. Kraft and Nat G. Silva replacing W.R. DeMasters and Camilio Aragon on the council. The Sixties were the beginning of new and better things for the community. Increased improvement in the appearance of the community, national advertising and a change in status were in store for the town.

Hollis Wilson was elected mayor in 1960 and all the councilmen except Luis Torres who was replaced by Agapito Garcia were retained. Land development corporations were the thing in the early 60's the best known of which is the Rio Grande Estates. The national advertising by the company boosted the community's importance and helped it to grow.

With the increased attention the community began to improve itself and many of the businesses in town have either remodeled or rebuilt their facilities in the past 10 years.

The stop lights at the corner of Main and Becker were

installed in 1961 to handle the increasing traffic in the city. As the community continued to grow so did the facilities. Radio station KARS began operation in 1961. In 1963 the Piggly Wiggly store opened for business and the Main Shopping Center was completed.

The new High School was started in '63 and has continued to expand to its present size with an enrollment of over 800 students. The school system as a whole has grown, with 10 schools in the system today and an enrollment of 3,228 students.

On the political scene Neel Alexander, Vicente Chavez, Earl McManis, Agapito Garcia and Pete Kraft assumed control in 1962 and remained in office through 1966 with the only change in the 1964 election being Gilfred Chavez replacing Agapito Garcia. In 1966 Carter Waid took over the office of mayor with Gilfred Chavez, Alex Sanchez, Sam Chavez, and Earl McManis making up the city council. This was the year the town officially became a city.

During recent years the city streets have been resealed, a new fire house constructed, the city water system improved, and additional recreational facilities installed. Neel Alexander reassumed control of city government in March of this year in a heated election. Eloy Tafoya, John Torres, Sam Chavez, and Alex Sanchez now hold the positions of councilmen.

And so the tale ends 50 years from the date of incorporation with the city retaining the same basic ingredients, stores, homes, and humans. Along the way the number of each has increased and the abilities and facilities of the community have grown to accommodate the estimated 6,425 persons who now serve as the residents of the Hub City.

OIL INDICATED IN TOME GRANT

The following article appeared in the Belen News on September 21, 1939. The article appeared under the headline, "Good Indication Of Oil Six Miles East Of Belen."

Drilling by the Ringle Development Company, under the direction of Cecil Ringle, its president, six miles east of Belen on the Tome Land Grant, is progressing nicely at a depth of 3200 feet with indications of a rich yield of oil, according to tests recently made.



THE BECKER-DALIES Company Warehouse as it appeared in 1937. The warehouse was bought by the city in 1967 and today serves as the Belen Fire Station.



LARGE BUILDING IN TOWN BURNS

From the Belen News,
May 3, 1923:

Yesterday afternoon at about two P.M. the building which belongs to J.C. Sanchez and was located near the A.T. and S.F. depot went up in smoke. It is believed that the fire originated by the explosion of a gasoline stove in one of the second floor rooms. When the fire department was called the fire had gained its way and nothing could be done to stop the big flame and the fire fighters were kept busy protecting the adjoining buildings. All the occupants in the building escaped without injury.

The approximate loss is estimated at about \$40,000.00 and was only covered by \$15,000.00 insurance.

W. E. LeBrun was the captain, president and chief of the first Belen Volunteer Fire Department organized in November of 1929.

Horacio Chavez Horacio Chavez Serves City As Water Superintendent

An employee of the city for ten years, Horacio Chavez is currently in charge of water and sewage facilities in Belen.

Before entering into employment with the city, Chavez worked in construction. Chavez attended school in Belen through the 11th grade. He and his wife Cecilia have four children.

Chavez had been employed by the city as a meter reader for eight years and as assistant water supt. for two years before taking over duties as water superintendent in April of this year.

As water superintendent Chavez is in charge of the labors of 10 persons who

maintain the water supply and sewage service in the community. Among the duties of the department are upkeep and maintainance of the four city wells, five sewage lift stations and the sewage treatment plant in the southern part of town.

Members of the department are: Elias Jaramillo, foreman; J. F. Garcia, laborer; Joe Gallegos, truck driver; Danny Tafoya, meter reader; Tony Montoya, laborer; Joe Pena, treatment plant operator; Frank Gabaldon, pumper; Emiliano Lopez, pumper; Mario Vergara, relief pumper; and Ray Lucero, asst. meter reader.

Ranchero Builders Supply Has Served Valley Since 1940's

Ranchero Builders Supply, owned and operated by Earl Peter since 1949, carries the most complete stock of building, farm and ranch supplies in the Valley.

Mr. Peter came from Albuquerque in the late 1940's

and began the business. The company has expanded with the growth of the Valley and today employs 15 persons. The company was begun with four persons working under Mr. Peter. The company is presently in the process of expanding its building and office space.

In addition to being a successful business man, Mr. Peter has also been active in the affairs of the community, serving as mayor of Belen for eight years. Mr. Peter has one son, Eddie, who, after graduating from the University of New Mexico, became manager of the Company.

The company is proud of its record of service in the area and grateful to the residents who have made the business a success. With over 30 percent of their business coming from the Bosque Farms

area Ranchero Builders feels that this is one of the areas from which they receive their greatest amount of business.

The company also supplies many contractors and large building concerns with their materials. At present the firm is supplying material for much of the work being done on the Navajo Indian Reservation and the construction materials for the building of the new Socorro High School.

Ranchero is the exclusive dealer for many first line building products also. The firm is exclusive distributor, in the area, for Celotex insulation and ceiling tile, Scheffeld Steel of New York, and CF&I Steel and Wire of Denver. In addition to these products the store also handles many other types of first line merchandise.

Ranchero Builders feels that their success is due to the people of the Valley and extend their congratulations to the City of Belen on its 50th anniversary.

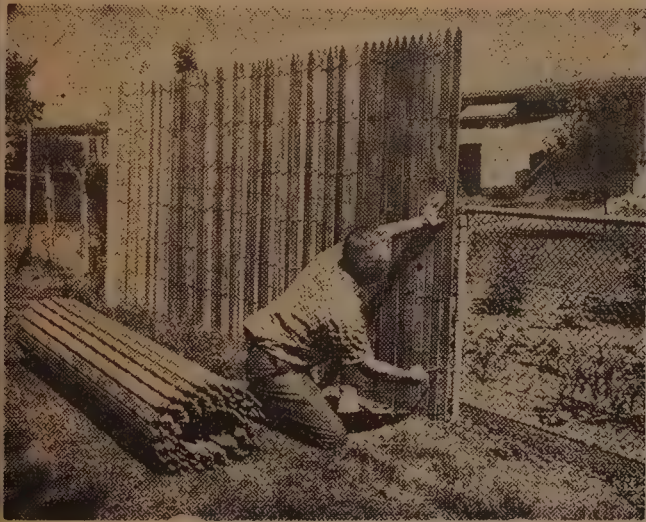
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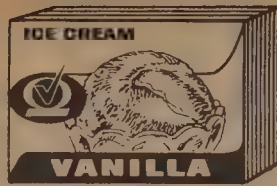
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County High School Started In 1885

The story of education in Belen begins in the year 1885 with the establishment of the Valencia County High School....John Becker donated land and \$2,000 towards the new school. The school was located in a two story red brick building located where Safeway store presently has its building. Later to become known as the Old Central School the building consisted of eight class rooms, four upstairs and four downstairs.

The class of 1916 graduated one boy and one girl, the first students to graduate from the Valencia County High School. Graduation was based on a series of tests given to the students by the State of New Mexico. The tests were mailed to the various schools, given to the students, and sent back to Santa Fe for grading. The school was then notified if the student was eligible to graduate.

The first graduates of the Belen school were Herman Baca, brother of Elfege Baca and son of Saturinino Baca who was county school superintendent during this period. The other graduate was Helen Huffman, the daughter of George Huffman who was postmaster at that time. Miss Huffman resides in Santa Fe at present.

It was in October of 1916 that the school moved to its new building at 217 S. 4th. The Old Central School building was destroyed in 1959 but the school building built in 1916 still stands and is used for a few classes.

Members of the freshman class of 1916-17 were remembered by Mr. Alex Castillo a member of that class. Mr. Castillo recalled that besides himself and his brother Manuel, Elfege Baca, Tom Seery, Fred and Ray Dils, Cleo Sanchez, Mary Luz Castillo, Sonny Le Brun, Annie Davidson, Margaret and Anita Rutz and Emily Baca were in the class.

He said that there were others but that those were all he could recall. Several of these persons were in the class of 1920 which was the next to graduate from the school. Mr. Castillo and his brother were not among the graduates though having moved to Santa Fe to complete high school, and graduating from St. Mikes.

It was during this time that the first student council was organized. The council was organized by Manuel Castillo and he became its first president. It was this early student council that suggested and adopted maroon and white as the school colors and it was the suggestion of Manuel Castillo that lead to the adoption of the name Eagles for the schools athletic teams. Mr. Castillo has continued in the field of education and teaches in the Phillipines today.

By 1922 the graduating class consisted of eight members, five girls and three boys. Russell Dalies recalls that besides himself other members of the class were Dr. Radcliffe and his sister. Dalies also recalls that at this time sports were coming to the school. Basketball was played in the manual training room of the high school until the gym was built in the late 20's.

During the 1921-22 basketball season Willis Barnes was coach for the team. Barnes later coached at the University of New Mexico. Football was also started at this time. The team during this time consisted of barely enough players to have a team at all. For scrimmage one half of the players would oppose the other half. In the first game played by the Belen team, Gallup defeated them 72-0. In 1929 the Old High School Gym was completed.

In 1926, 860 students enrolled in the Belen schools, with 142 of the students being in the high school. In 1924 the first high school yearbook was put out. The Valencian as the book was called was a small paperback affair. The book edited by Charles Seery was dedicated to John Becker.

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THE HALAMA ENDERSTEIN STORE as it burned on January 2, 1946. The store was one of the landmarks in the Belen area, located in the area where the Belen Motor Company is today.

Fire Destroys Belen Store

From the Belen News,
January 3, 1946:

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the Halama-Enderstein store building as well as the old Felipe Chavez stage coach barn adjoining the store building on Wednesday morning about one o'clock.

The total loss by the fire was estimated at about \$60,000 and was only partly covered by insurance, according to Carl Halama and Sheriff Liberato Gabaldon, owners, who plan to construct a new

building as soon as material can be obtained.

The stage coach barn adjoining the store building was one of the oldest landmarks in Belen having been one of the outstanding buildings here during the pioneer days.

Efforts on the part of the local fire department, who were notified too late to do any good to save the store, failed but helped to save the skating rink and Padilla store.

Paul Dalies was elected president of the first Chamber of Commerce on May 2, 1924.

Wants Mate In Belen

From the Belen News,
August 29, 1929:

The following communication was received by the News:

Albuquerque, N.M.
Aug. 23-29

Editor-Belen News
Dear Sir:

As my wife got a divorce from me because I could not make her a good living with two trades in Las Vegas, N.M. I am now in the field for a wife, but she must have some means and ability to aid me in making a good living. All women aged 18 to 40 will be given fair consideration. I am 40, look 30, height 5 feet 7 and one half, weight 140, dark eyes and hair, like all clean sports. Here is hoping your city holds my future life mate.

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PRACTICE AIR RAID IS SET

From the Belen News,
December 3, 1942:

Sometime between the hour of ten and twelve on Monday Dec. 7, bombing planes will fly over Belen. Air Raid Sirens consisting of the fire whistle, all railroad whistles, and all church bells will sound. Air Raid Wardens, fire watchers and auxiliary police will be on duty. Every one is asked to cooperate as if it were an actual air raid. Citizens will be asked to get off the streets and remain indoors until the all clear sounds. Those who do not cooperate will be arrested by the auxiliary police and fined according to the rulings of the judges of the downtown kangaroo court.

The utilities have played an important part in the growth of Belen and with the addition of each, life has become easier for Belen residents.

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Joe P. Gabaldon

Joe P. Gabaldon Has Been Police Chief Since April

The task of law enforcement in the community of Belen is handled by seven police officers under the direction of Police Chief Joe P. Gabaldon.

Chief Gabaldon has been with the Belen police force for more than 11 years. In addition to his service here in Belen, he served five years as a military policeman and as a police officer in Santa Fe for five years.

He operated the Two-Tone Taxi service in Belen for a period of time also.

Chief Gabaldon and his wife Molly have four children, Leroy 21, Danny 19, Geraldine 13 and Mike 10. Gabaldon is a graduate of Belen High School, and served in the Air Force.

Gabaldon has been chief of the Belen force since April of this year. Gabaldon helped to install the present record system at the police station over two years ago.

The jail at the Belen City Hall has recently been remodeled and according to Chief Gabaldon could hold up to 25 persons if the need arose.

The seven officers serving under Gabaldon are Juan Baldonado, asst. chief; Joe B. Chavez, sergeant; Robert J. Garcia, sergeant; Carlos Tabet, Harry Trujeque, Virgil Winkles and Gilbert Garcia, patrolmen.

In addition to the officers there are four radio operators and two crossing guards. The radio operators are; Leo Saiz, Sam Ortega Jr., Pros-

Saiz, Sam Ortega Jr., Prospero Silva, and Ruben Baca. The crossing guards are Nat Espinoza and Joe D. Cordova.

Thousands Look At Phenomenom

From the Belen News, July 21, 1927:

Thousands of people from different parts of the state have motored to Belen in the last thirty days to get to see the strange apparitions on the window pane of Judge Ramon Baca's home.

The interesting and mysterious phenomemon was first noticed by Mrs. Ramon Baca about June first. The glass was purchased at one of the local stores about January but nothing was noticed on it till about June first.

From the back yard of the Baca home you can see pictured a figure of Christ and standing at a different point the picture of Christ's mother is outlined amongst the clouds. From the inside of the window nothing can be distinguished as the glass is very clear. Glass experts say that if there were paint inside the glass it could be noticed from the inside also. Chemicals have been used and the glass washed several times, but the figure still shows and no reflections seem to cause it as different methods to prove it have been tried.

Becker-Dalies Co. Is 91 Years Old

The Becker-Dalies Company ---a firm familiar in the days of New Mexico as a territory and which once served the population from Albuquerque to San Antonio and from Vaughn to the Arizona Territory Line---is 91 years old as Belen goes into its 50th incorporated year. The firm was established in 1877 by John Becker, who came here as a young German immigrant in 1871.

Mr. Becker incorporated the store in 1903, and called it The John Becker Company, with several faithful employees as officers. The late Paul B. Dalies was made vice-president; Charles Reinken, secretary-treasurer; and John Becker, president, who served until his death in 1932.

The store occupies virtually the same site today as that upon which the store was founded in 1877 in an adobe building. But the type of merchandise and the method of bringing it to Belen is certainly different.

Most of the merchandise in 1877 was freighted here in oxen-drawn covered wagons from Kansas City, over the now familiar Santa Fe Trail.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES OF 1921

From the Belen News, February 12, 1921:

The high school dance Friday night was well attended and everyone left satisfied and happy.

The basketball game between the Albuquerque freshmen and the high school boys resulted in a victory for the freshmen. The lineup for Belen was: Lewis at center, Peralta and Sachs forwards, Rutz and Riley guards and Dalies and Ward subs.

The laboratory has acquired a smell characteristic of such a place. The instructor is the only person who can stay in it without going to the window occasionally for a breath of pure air.

Mr. Becker and his associates helped the community grow from a crossroad in 1877 to a thriving city.

In 1905, the president of the Santa Fe Railroad accepted the offer of Mr. Becker to donate land on which the local Santa Fe yards are presently located and the Santa Fe Railroad built the main line through Belen.

The bright sign of "John Becker" which first caught the eye of Middle Rio Grande travelers on horseback, wagon or stagecoach in 1877, adorned a long low adobe structure on Main Street at the same site of today's store.

The present Becker-Dalies building has replaced the original one-story mud brick building where John Becker and his associates sold axle grease, saddle strings, kerosene lamps, Mother Hubbard dresses and plush settees shipped in by wagon from Kansas City over the Santa Fe Trail. The name of the corporation was changed to the Becker-Dalies Company in 1928 to honor Mr. Dalies.

A number of employees made the company their life's work and others served as faithful employees for many years. To name a few, Paul B. Dalies, John H. Becker, Ben C. Becker, Paul P. Simmons, Frank G. Fischer, Charles Reinken, Elmer En-

derstien, Carl Halama, Mrs. Faye LeBrun, Mrs. Blanche Gruhn, Robert Beidelman, Roy Culver, and W.P. Beach.

The present officers of the company are Austin D. Lovett, president and general manager; L.C. Becker, vice-president; Mrs. Julia Carnahan, secretary-treasurer. Directors are Gilbert Ulivarri, Fidel J. Sanchez, Mrs. Marion

Herlihy, and William O. Nelson.

We of the Becker-Dalies Company would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the City of Belen on its 50th anniversary and to thank the citizens of the area for having given us the privilege of serving you these past ninety one years.

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Richard Aragon

City Manager Richard Aragon Heads All City Departments

The office of City Manager was established just over two years ago during the administration of Carter M. Waid. The office was established to bring the activities of all the city departments under one key person and to coordinate all the activities of the departments. With the establishment of the office, all purchasing, buying and paying was centralized in one office under one person thus simplifying the operation.

Richard Aragon the current holder of the office is a 36-year-old graduate of Belen High School. After graduation from high school, Aragon attended New Mexico Highlands University and majored in accounting.

After graduation from college he served in the Marine Corps for four years and later owned and managed the Square Deal Lumber Company in Belen.

Aragon assumed the duties of City Manager on April 15, 1968.

As city manager, Aragon is responsible for the activities of the 42 city employees and the jobs of treasurer, purchasing agent, and administrator of city affairs.

Aragon is enthusiastic about his job and feels that for

Belen to move ahead we have got to clean up the city as much as possible and continue giving the best services possible to the citizens of the community.

He believes that the paving district that is upcoming will greatly aid the appearance of the community and add to it. In addition to the paving he says that the city is trying to keep all the unpaved streets of the community watered to prevent dust.

Another badly needed improvement is advancement in the field of recreation for the citizens of Belen. The youth of the town need some place where facilities are available for recreation. Steps toward recreation have been taken with the establishment of the Little League Field and the summer recreation program.

The job of city manager encompasses the many different facets of life in the City.

Basketball Game

From the Belen News, January 28, 1926: The local high school basketball team will meet the New Mexico School of Mines team at the Central Theatre Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

The population of Belen in 1910 was 1733.

Councilmen And Years Of Service

H. E. Byers	- 1922-1928
Abelicio Sanchez	- 1922-1924
Max Sanchez	- 1924-1926
Ignacio Aragon	- 1924-1930
Pedro Gabaldon	- 1924-1930
D. G. Garcia	- 1926-1932
Rosendo Gallegos	- 1930-1934, 1947-1948
Mal Tate	- 1930-1932
Agapito Garcia	- 1930-1934, 1960-1964
M. Castillo	- 1930-1932
Frank Jaramillo	- 1932-1934
Jose Garcia	- 1934-1942
David Baca	- 1934-1942
Placido Jaramillo	- 1934-1940
F. W. Campbell	- 1934-1938
M. J. Johnson	- 1938-1940
George Mitchell	- 1940-1942
Sam Bustamante	- 1940-1946
W. R. DeMasters	- 1942-1958
Gillie C. Luna	- 1946-1948
Manuel Bustamante	- 1946-48
Ramon Tafoya	- 1946-1947
Max Romero	- 1948-1951
C. A. Anthony	- 1948-1952
Paul C. Gabaldon	- 1948-1954
Gillie Sanchez	- 1951-1956
Joe Cassano	- 1952-1956
Camilo Aragon	- 1954-1958
Earl McManis	- 1956-1968
Luis Torres	- 1956-1960
Wm.F. (Pete) Kraft	- 1958-1964
Nat G. Silva	- 1958-1962
Vicente Chavez	- 1962-1966
Gilfred Chavez	- 1964-1968
Alex Sanchez	- 1966-
Sam Chavez	- 1966-
Eloy Tafoya	- 1968-
John Torres	- 1968-

Population Figures Show City's Growth

Population figures for Belen for the past 88 years.

1880	600-700
1890	685
1900	673
1910	1733
1920	1306
1930	2450
1940	3038
1950	4502
1960	5031
1968	6435

Chamber of Commerce estimate.

Belen Cleaners And Laundry Established 20 Years Ago

Twenty years ago when the Carroll family came to Belen and went into the cleaning business, Belen was much smaller and consequently so was their establishment. Mr. Carroll began a self service laundry when he came to Belen and in 1956 moved to his present location at 515 Becker Avenue.

In 1958, Mr. Carroll added the first Coin Operated Laun-

dry in Belen in the building adjoining the cleaners. His business has been expanded and today offers many services. Among these many services are pick-up and delivery, dry cleaning and laundry of any type, alterations, drapery service, rug service, and one day service.

In the course of business through the years all of the

original equipment in the establishment has been replaced and updated.

Mr. Carroll has two children a son working on his PhD. at the University of New Mexico and one married daughter living in Belen.

The business has expanded from two employees at the beginning to five persons at present.

The management of the Belen Cleaners and Laundry wishes the City of Belen best wishes on its 50th anniversary (Advertising)

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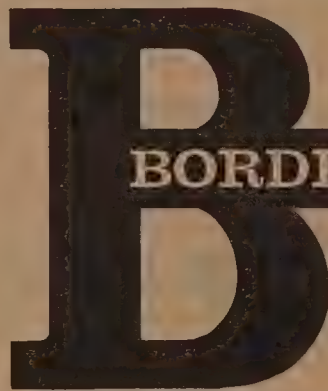
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City's Prominent Men Serve Terms As Mayor Of Belen

Bernard Jacobson 1918-1922

Bernard Jacobson was described as a small man who came from Boston to settle in the Belen area in the early 1900's. He established a lumber yard in Belen. The lumber yard was located in the block where Feil and Ellermeyer store is located today.

Jacobson was active in politics and became the first mayor of Belen after its incorporation in 1918. After serving his two terms as mayor, Jacobson moved to Albuquerque and went into the accounting business.

Manuel Garcia 1922-1930

Manuel Garcia had been active in the affairs of the community and the county before his terms as mayor. He served as an active officer or special officer for every sheriff from 1908 through 1948.

Garcia was appointed county commissioner in 1917 to fill the vacancy of Adolf Didier, and was elected to another term. Thereafter he served four terms as mayor of Belen. While mayor, Belen got its first electricity and water and sewer systems were installed.

Simultaneously, Mayor Garcia was also Belen's Postmaster for 18 months. His city clerk was Paul Dalies, prominent in the business life of the community. Garcia served as under sheriff in 1938, serving two years. He was also a city policeman under Chief Jaramillo in 1945-46.

Garcia was a merchant and worked for Becker-Dalies and the Santa Fe for many years before going into business for himself. For 28 years, he and his brother, Jose, operated a general merchandise store where Justo Gabaldon has his store today. They also operated another store in Jarales and a flour mill. In addition

they maintained a food market in Albuquerque.

Con Hendren 1930-1932

Hendren was born Nov. 26, 1882, in Walsenburg, Colo., one of nine children. In his early manhood, Con followed the career of a butcher, finding employment in Mississippi, New Orleans and Las Vegas.

At about 25, he began railroading as a brakeman on the New York Central Railway, running between Indianapolis and Cincinnati. In 1910 he and his wife came to Vaughn, N.M., where Hendren opened a butcher shop. But it wasn't long until he was railroading on the run to Belen. Three years later in 1913 they moved to Belen. He left railroading in 1917, but went back to switching in the Belen yards in 1920.

About 1925 he went into business here in Belen establishing the Viaduct Market on South First Street. Later the store was reopened as the Green and White Grocery on Becker Avenue where the E. Garcia grocery is now operating.

Hendren served two years as mayor taking office in 1930. He remained in the grocery business until 1942. For a few years during the war he was employed by the government, checking cars in the local Santa Fe yards. He was in retirement until the city election in 1948 when he filed as a candidate for mayor. After his defeat, he returned to business again, selling real estate for the M.J. Johnson Company until his death in October of 1949.

Mal Tate 1932-1940

Mal Tate was an employee of the Santa Fe Railroad and served as Mayor of Belen during the years that many civic improvements were made and that many advances

in the appearance of the town were made. Mr. Tate died in the 1950's.

Waite J. Keeny 1940-1942

Waite J. Keeny, born July 5, 1884, in Brown Grove, Kansas, was a railroader. He started working for the Santa Fe as a machinist helper in 1903 in Raton, N.M. He moved to Belen in 1914.

He held continuous membership in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers for 42 years and received a 40 year Loyalty button from the Clovis engineers upon his retirement in 1949.

In addition to his railroad career, Mr. Keeny was engaged in political circles for some time. He served as legislative representative for the engineers from 1921-1931. For two years he was state director of the United States Employment Service. In 1940 he was elected mayor of Belen for one term. Mr. Keeny remained in retirement until his death in March of 1950.

Don Redenbaugh 1942-1946

Don Redenbaugh was active in the affairs of the community and served as Mayor four years until an illness forced him to resign in 1946. Mr. Redenbaugh died later that year.

L. C. Becker 1946-1950

Born May 19, 1882, the son of John Becker and Anna (Vielstich) Becker, Louis Carl Becker was educated in the public schools of Belen and was a member of the class of 1901 at the University of New Mexico.

He then spent two years at the University of Wisconsin. After completing his education he returned to Belen and became a surveyor for the Santa

Fe railroad. Becker joined the staff of the First National Bank of Belen in 1905 and today serves as president of the bank. During the formative years of Belen, Becker served as president of the Belen Town and Improvement Company, an office he still holds. With the illness of Don Redenbaugh in 1946 Becker was appointed mayor of Belen and served out the term. In 1948 Becker was reelected and served until 1950. Becker is still living and is active in the affairs of the community.

Earl Peter 1948-1956

Born in Flora, Indiana, Peter was educated in Logansport, Ind., and Detroit, Michigan, before coming to New Mexico. After a stay in Albuquerque, Peter moved to Belen in 1947 and began Rancho Builders Supply which he still manages today.

In Albuquerque he served as state manager for the Portland Cement Company. In addition to serving as Mayor of Belen, Peter has served as vice chairman of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy Board and on the board of directors of the Ranchers Exploration and Development Company which developed the uranium deposits in the Grants area. Peter has also been active in the real estate business. Today he owns and manages Rancho Builders Supply in Belen.

Hollis Wilson 1960-1962

Hollis Wilson, a truck line operator, owner of a gas transport line and wholesale gas distributor was elected mayor of Belen in 1960 and served one term in that office.

Wilson at that time was a member of the Rotary Club, the GPA and the Federated Church and a former member of the Sheriff's Posse.

He has been married 35

years and has three children. Wilson today operates the Town and Country Store on the East side of the Rio Grande and the Wilson Trucking Company.

Neel Alexander 1956-1960 1962-1966 1968-

Neel Alexander is 62 years old, came to New Mexico 54 years ago and has lived in Belen for the past twenty six years. Mr. Alexander served as representative of Valencia County in the State Legislature in 1953 and 1954. He has served six terms as mayor of Belen. He is presently serving his seventh term in this office. Mr. Alexander is past president of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, Local 1206, and the former state chairman of the legislative committee of the Railway Clerks of New Mexico. He is married and the father of two sons.

Carter M. Waid 1966-1968

Carter Waid, newspaper publisher and radio broadcaster, served as mayor from 1966 to 1968. A native of Oklahoma, he moved to Belen in 1947. Waid has been active in community affairs.

Waid is married and father of a son, Bill, and a daughter, Lil Lou. He is 57 years old.

Highlights of his administration were: Enactment of Belen's first merit system for personnel, extensive annexation, adding more than 700 acres and more than 200 residents to the city; appointment of Belen's first fulltime fireman; codification of city ordinances; establishing the position of a city manager in addition to clerk-treasurer duties; initiation of new street paving, sidewalk and sewer improvements, and addition of a new water well to the municipal system.



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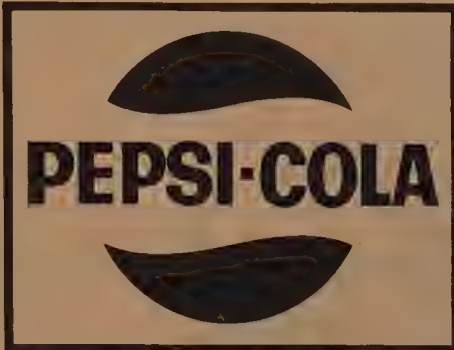
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Mrs. Mary Castillo

Mrs. Mary Castillo Serves As Assistant City Manager

Mary Castillo as assistant city manager aids Aragon in his duties as city manager. Mrs. Castillo has had much experience in the fields of public offices, serving in the past as deputy county clerk, city clerk and deputy county assessor.

city clerk and engineer in the late 1950's. The job was similar to the present city managers job.

With her years of experience in the fields of business and administration, Mrs. Castillo capably serves as assistant city manager.

Mrs. Castillo began working for Belen in the late 1930's when Belen was still a village. She continued working for Belen through its township and today works for Belen the city. She has held the position of assistant city manager since April of this year.

Mrs. Castillo attended school in Albuquerque before moving to Belen after her marriage to Richard C. Castillo. Today the Castillo's have four grown children who are taking active parts in the affairs of the areas they live in. One son, Francis Leonard, served as

Severe Earth Tremors Felt Here In 1935

From the Belen News December 19, 1935:

All of Belen's schools were closed today after the most severe of a series of earth tremors that shook the town Tuesday night at 10:35, awakening sleeping residents and causing slight cracks in a number of brick buildings and old adobe buildings. Another strong shock was felt Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

The strong tremor Wednesday evening was followed by three lighter disturbances during the next four hours. No one has been injured and no serious damage has been reported to date.

Aside from the vacation for the grade and high school pupils, business of the community is going ahead as usual, and the populace is becoming accustomed to the periodic quivering of the earth.

The tremors began last Thursday night December 12th and were slight and beyond inconvenience to residents, but last nights heavy tremor served to alarm citizens and a tense excitement prevailed today.

Eighth Grade Exams

From the Belen News, March 15, 1934: The state eighth grade examinations for the public schools of Valencia County will be held on March 26th and 27th, according to superintendent M. A. Baca. The second examination for eighth graders will be held on April 12th and 13th.

WATER SYSTEM IS SUGGESTED BY EDITORIAL

From the Belen News, August 16, 1923:

It seems to be about time that the city authorities turn their attention to formulating tentative plans for the installation of a water system covering at least the main part of town.

If mountain water could be brought here it would be a vast improvement on the present water used for household purposes, most of which is unfit for use. Also it would give more ample protection in case of fire. The present fire apparatus is too small and incapable of fighting a big fire.

A water system would also tend to lower insurance rates in the district covered. It looks to us as though it would be a wise idea for the city dads to give this matter a little thought and discussion.

Harold Bergeson Opened Main Pharmacy In 1959

Established in 1959 by Harold Bergeson and Joe Otero, Main Pharmacy is located at 205 S. Main St. in Belen, and is one of the largest and most modern drug stores in Belen.

The store was originally located in the 100 block of North Main Street next to the Ford Garage. When the Ford garage was destroyed by fire in the early 1960's the adjoining drug store was damaged and it was at this time the business moved to its present location.

When the store was opened in 1959 one person was employed in addition to the two pharmacists. Today the firm employs seven persons under Mr. Bergeson.

In 1965 Mr. Otero left the firm and moved to Peralta to open another pharmacy.

Mr. Bergeson is active in community affairs, a member of the Belen Board of Educa-

tion and the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bergeson is married and has two sons.

As Belen's Walgreenagency Main Pharmacy is a full line drug store and offers a delivery service and is open seven days a week. The store carries three complete cosmetic lines and a full selection of Hallmark greeting cards.

The professional service offered by the firm is backed by their reputation for accu-

racy, economy and dependability. In addition to complete prescription service the store offers school supplies, sick room supplies, baby needs, toys and veterinary supplies. The store gives King Korn stamps and offers film developing service and photographic supplies.

The owner and employees of Main Pharmacy wish to take this opportunity to wish Belen congratulations on its 50th anniversary and to thank its many customers who have helped to make their business successful. (Advertising)

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BELEN FLOUR MILLS--The Belen Flour Mills was built by John Becker in 1884. The building was torn down in the early 1950's. This is now the site of the new First National Bank building.



EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS IN 1914--This picture, brought to the News-Bulletin by Mrs. K. A. Riley of 417 N. 3rd, shows a group of eighth-grade Belen school students. In the top row, the first two girls on the left are unidentified. Others are, from left, Ruby Stephenson, Melvin Fox, Marian Kennebeck, Jessie Mallow and Eula Gooch. In the second row from the top are, from left, Tony Baca, Alfredo Baca, Willa Mallow, Vera Seery, Mary Seery, Francis Baca, Shirley Davidson and Sam Sachs. Third row from the top, from left, are Bill Davidson, Benny Gerpheide, Loyal Craig, Harold Severns and Fred Dils.

ABC'S OF SUCCESS

OWENSBORO, Ky.--The anatomy of an ideal business arrangement is pointed up in a sign in a liquor store here. "We buy FOB. We pay COD. We serve PDQ. We can't live on IOU."

EXPENSIVE SNACK

NEW DELHI--A traffic policeman was caught red-handed receiving a bribe of five rupees (67 cents). He swallowed the currency note to destroy the evidence.

SUITABLE NAME

GLOBE, Ariz.--If society were to decree that a person's name reflect his occupation, Lyman Peace would have no problems. He currently holds the position of Justice of the Peace in Globe.

Sugar Bowl Lanes Traces History Back To 1947

The first bowling alley in Belen was opened in 1947 by Mr. Gibson and Mr. Euker. The alley located at 219 Becker Ave. had seven lanes and was the forerunner of the present Sugar Bowl Lanes.

In 1949 the lanes were leased to Mr. Van Meter. He operated the lanes until 1951 at which time they were closed.

The bowling alley remained closed until 1954 at which time Marvin Glidewell and Jimmy Jacobs bought the establishment. In 1956 Jacobs sold his interest to Glidewell who operates the firm today.

From the seven alleys begun in 1947 has grown a large well lighted building housing 12 lanes with automatic pin setters. The eighth lane and the automatic pinsetters were added in 1959. Prior to that

time pin boys were used at the lanes. An additional four lanes were added in 1965. During the 1965 addition, tele-score machines and new ball returns were added.

The present owner, Sugar Glidewell, came to Belen in 1947 from Clovis. At that time he worked for the Santa Fe Railroad.

Sugar is married to the former Eva Garcia and has two children, one boy and one girl. Both children are expert bowlers. The oldest Marvin Jr., aged 11, recently bowled a game of 255.

Sugar himself has bowled in many national contests and has a large number of trophies in the show cases in his establishment. At one time the Sugar Bowl Lanes team bowled on a television series

and won the \$500 prize offered.

The lanes have recently been resurfaced and refurnished.

This past summer Sugar has worked in connection with the Summer Recreation program in forming several bowling teams for Belen youth.

At present the lanes are forming fall leagues. The leagues are open to all age groups and everyone is urged to sign up.

During the month of August you can bowl 3 games for \$1. Persons interested in signing up for the leagues are requested to contact the bowling alley or Betty Blakely, Secretary of the Womens' Bowling Association.

The owner of the Sugar Bowl Lanes would like to take this opportunity to extend best wishes to the City of Belen on its 50th anniversary.

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FORMER LANDMARK--These old water tanks were formerly a landmark in Belen. They are located near the Becker-Dalies Store building.

Some Who Lived To 100 Years Tell How

LONDON (AP)—If you want to live to be 100, there are eight golden rules, according to a survey of British centenarians.

1. Come from a family of long-lived people.
2. Don't smoke.
3. Don't drink.
4. Work hard.
5. Don't live in a town.
6. Bemoderate and regular in your habits.
7. Have a family and try to keep it close-knit.
8. Trust in God with a contented mind.

It also helps to be a woman. Six British women reach the 100-mark for every man who does so.

Almost all the centenarians questioned gave fresh air and regular habits as the reasons for their longevity. Nearly one in three attributed their centuries to hard work.

Practically all spoke from experience of work - one man in Staffordshire began his labors on a farm when he was 10 and kept on toiling until he was 80.

The report on the centenarians was issued by the Deciduous Fruit Board, an organization of South African growers who send a gift of Cape grapes each year to every one of Britain's more than 800 centenarians.

Centenarians answering the questionnaire sent with the grapes nearly all replied in their own handwriting. A total of 324 replied - 49 men and 275 women.

While some of the answers gave evidence of a hard and drab life, other had cheerful recollections.

One old lady told of her father as a soldier "in a red jacket, white buckskin belt, navy trousers with red stripes running down the sides."

The father of another was footman to a duchess and wore "blue and gold with silver braid, patent shoes, yellow stockings and blue plush britches."

One old gentleman's proudest memory was: "When my wife died, she thanked me for making her life so happy."

Nine out of 10 centenarians said they prefer savory foods. Chicken is the most popular dish, followed by roast beef and Yorkshire pudding (a traditional English delicacy), fish and lamb.

Asked about their biggest moment, 25 percent replied: "When I reached 100." This was followed by "My wedding day" (20 percent), and "When my first child was born" (10 percent). Other replies included:

Irishman, aged 100: "The day I got my first pair of shoes when I was 16 years of age."

Middlesex County woman, aged 100: "A dance at Kensington (London) Town Hall. Charlie Chaplin was dancing with me, and I couldn't dance."

Woman from Reading, Conn-

ty Berkshire, aged 102: "The birth of my first son, as I had no husband. Eighty years ago this was a calamity and a sin."

Woman from Glamorgan, Wales, aged 100: "Going out to India with my husband in 1904 to look after a leper colony."

While some of the centenarians patriotically insist that Britain is "still the best country in the world," others take a jaundiced view of the country as it now is. Here are some of the conflicting views:

Man from County Westmorland, aged 101: "The country is work-shy, godless and immoral. There is more thought for the need, more frankness and much more enterprise, but the permissive society may well prove the downfall of our country."

London woman, aged 100: "I am very sad at the crime and wickedness in this country especially among the young. I am sure that they do not get the training that we did in my young day."

Plymouth, County Devon, man, aged 100: "Nothing wrong with Britain -especially when we get a Conservative govern-

ment back."

Bristol (West of England), man, aged 103: "We are probably at the end of our resources, and with a Labor government firmly entrenched only a few steps from absolute bankruptcy."

A 102-year-old Londoner recommended cycling as a sure recipe for long life. "I rode my bike until I was 95," he reported.

A Liverpool (Northwest of England) man, aged 104, attributed his great age to "eating onions."

A London woman, aged 100, said her answer is "no second helpings of food."

Another woman, of 100, in Shrewsbury, County Shropshire, said that a big family is a big aid to longevity. She said she has 14 children, 20 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Typical of the God-fearing centenarians was a woman in the County Hampshire, aged 102, who recommended "a quiet mind, sustained with Christian faith and loving prayers."

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Davis Floral And Gift Shop Begun In 1947 By Ruth Davis

The Davis Floral and Gift Shop was begun in 1947 by Mrs. Ruth Davis. The shop was begun as a 9' x 13' green house with the business office being the living room of Mrs. Davis' home at 404 Dalies.

The business grew in the home of the Davis' and in 1956 an additional building was added to the house to accomodate the increased activity. By this time the shop employed two persons in addition to Mrs. Davis.

In 1964 the present building at 400 Dalies was erected and the business has been there since. The business in its present building employs four persons in addition to Mrs. Davis, one full time and three part time employees.

The large greenhouse now used by the firm was built in 1953 and serves as a home for many of the beautiful potted plants sold by the shop.

Mrs. Davis is married and the mother of two sons. One son is married and the father

of four children, the other is still in school in Belen.

Mrs. Davis attends two or three designers schools every year to aid her in the business.

The shop handles cut flowers, arrangements, fresh and artificial flowers, potted plants, corsages, and sprays for funerals.

The gift shop handles all types of vases and other floral oriented knickknacks.

The Davis Gift and Floral Shop wishes Belen a happy 50th anniversary.

(Advertising)

Main Street

From the Belen News, June 7, 1934: The pavement on Main Street will soon be completed and open to traffic. It will be something for Belen to be proud of. A celebration when completed would certainly be in order.

The Belen Police Court was established at the City Hall on October 13, 1947.

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Belen's First Newspaper Was Established In 1906

The merits of efficient news coverage have long been recognized in Belen. The first person to establish a newspaper in Belen was Col. William M. Berger who began the Belen Tribune in 1906. In a small office located in the building next to the present day Onate Theatre, Col. Berger and his printer, Mr. Runyon published the weekly paper for six years until the office was destroyed by fire in 1912.

The Belen Tribune was the sole paper in the Belen area until 1910 when Saturnino Baca, father of Elfege Baca, started the Hispano Americano for the Spanish-speaking citizens of the area. Shortly afterward Mr. Baca began the Belen News for the English speaking residents. The office of the two papers was located in the 300 block of South Main for many years.

In 1920 Elfege Baca took over the editor-ship of the paper from his father who was county school superintendent at the time. In 1925 the two papers were merged in one bi-lingual paper under the banner of the Belen News. Early copies of this paper are quite comprehensive in their coverage of affairs of the world even though they carry little or no mention of the activities of the local citizenry.

Many interesting items may be found in the early editions including an advertisement for a marriage partner. The ad appeared as a letter to the editor on the front page of the August 29, 1929, edition of the paper. Other articles dealt with the escapades of Pancho Villa and the First World War.

Politics occupy much of the space in early editions and it would seem that the political attacks of today are mild compared with some of those from the 20's and 30's. Comments made by the paper concerning the attributes of the candidates that they opposed were quite strong in

some cases. The paper did a quite efficient job, it seems, of presenting the affairs of the community and the world as the paper grew through the years. The weekly eight-page editions carried much world news, especially through the years of World War II. During this time the paper was concerned mainly with the conditions of Americans and their part in the war and presented many interesting articles on men from this area and several syndicated columns.

In July of 1946 a new paper was introduced in Belen. The Belen Bulletin was published and edited by George Perkins with the first edition appearing on the stands on July 4, 1946.

Both papers underwent change in January of 1947 when the ownership of the Belen News went from the hands of Elfege Baca to the husband-wife editor-publisher team of E.J. and Ruth Lewis and Carter Waid became Co-owner of the Belen Bulletin. In March of 1947 the two papers merged to become the Belen News-Bulletin, with Carter Waid as editor, R.J. Lewis as business manager, George Perkins as plant superintendent, and Ruth Lewis as woman's editor.

The paper maintained two offices after the merger, one at 115 S. Main and the other at 208 N. Second. The printing equipment of the two papers was combined into one mechanical plant at the Second Street office.

About 1955, Waid acquired the interest of Lewis. The paper remained under this ownership until Jan. 1, 1961, when the ownership changed hands. Waid sold the paper to Howard Barman.

Barman sold the paper to James E. Barber and associates of Grants about 1965. William Worley served as publisher for the new owners until Oct. 1, 1966, when the Waid's returned as publishers of the News-Bulletin.

The paper resumed an eight

column size in 1965 after having appeared as a tabloid for more than 15 years. During the 1950's, the News-Bulletin was published as a tri-weekly for several years, but returned to a semi-weekly under Publisher Barman in 1961.

Most of the paper's career was as a standard letterpress publication. But in later years, it has twice been published by the offset process, for six months in 1960, and since February, 1967.

Belen Native Wins Flight Over Pacific

From the Belen News, August 18, 1927:

Art Gobel of Los Angeles, a native of Belen and related to the Oscar Gobel family here and Lieut. William Davis naval air officer of San Diego, who piloted the big blue and yellow monoplane "Woolaroc" over the Pacific from the Oakland municipal airport to Wheeler Field, Hawaii, are both experienced airmen, judging from their life histories.

Gobel, 31, and married, has been flying since 1912 when he bought a plane at San Diego. After several years of flying, getting his "air legs" he went to Chile and Peru in 1922 where he was employed as an instructor in aviation.

Early in 1926 Gobel entered the dangerous field of stunt flying for motion picture concerns in Hollywood and was engaged in that line up to the time he heard of the Dole award and started out gathering enough cash together to purchase the Woolaroc.

Art Gobel was born in Belen and is related to the Oscar Gobel family living here. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gobel are now residents of Los Angeles. Gobel was overseas during the World War supervising instruction in rifle practice.

FAMILY HONORS

ST. LOUIS-The University of Missouri at St. Louis had a man and wife who graduated magna cum laude in its 1968 class.

Stephen Novack compiled a grade average of 3.76 while his wife, Ilene, had a 3.50 average. A perfect score is 4.0.

The couple was married last December (1967). They had known each other since high school.

Ilene will be a teacher and Stephen faces a year of active duty in the Army.

HE'S GRATEFUL

BARBOURVILLE, Ky.-William Woodson attended a class reunion where two chums met for the first time in 30 years.

One dominated the conversation by recounting the exploits of his children.

The other started to leave and was halted by this remark: "Wait," urged the long-winded speaker, "I haven't told you about my grandchildren."

"No," came the reply, "and I appreciate it."

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INDIAN RAILWAYS LOSE

NEW DELHI - Ticketless travel costs the Indian railways 100 million rupees (\$13.3 million) a year, an official spokesman said.

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Eddie Torres

Eddie Torres Is Belen's Superintendent Of Streets

The City of Belen has long been concerned with the problem of maintaining the streets and alleys of the community. The beginnings of the street system in Belen date back to the days when John Becker paved Becker Avenue with the walls of the old Catholic Church. Since that time many improvements in the condition of the city's streets and the way in which they are maintained have been made.

The maintenance of the communities streets today is carried out by a crew of 11 men working under street superintendent Eddie Torres. Torres, a graduate of Belen High School, is married to the former Anna Anaya and has one daughter aged two. Twenty-one year old Eddie was employed as an apprentice pipe fitter in Los Angeles, California, after graduation. After returning to Belen, Eddie has been employed by the City of Belen.

He began as a meter reader and in April of this year was moved up to the position that he holds now.

The Street Department of the City of Belen in addition to maintaining the city streets handles refuse disposal and

Present Thompson's Gambles Store Dates Back To Late 30's

In the late 1930's Roy and Esther Buckland established the beginnings of the present day Gambles Store. At that time the store was operated under the name of Western Auto which at that time was a division of the Gambles Company.

In the early 1950's the store was purchased by Charles Seery who received a Gambles franchise and began business. In 1957 ownership of the business was transferred to Arnie Heth who owned the firm until Donn Thompson took over the business in June of 1965. The home owned and operated business is operated by three full time employees.

The current owner of the store, Donn Thompson, was born and raised in central Nebraska and attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Thompson served in the Navy during World War II.

From 1949 until 1965 Mr. Thompson worked for the United States Government as an employee of the Weather Bureau. It was during vacation camping trips to New Mexico that the Thompsons became interested in the state and in 1965 they came to Belen and assumed the managership of the Gambles store.

The store, located at 205 S. Main Street, carries a full line of appliances, hardware, sporting goods, and other items.

In addition to selling appliances and garden equipment they service all items that

they sell. They also do repair work on bicycles, T.V.'s, washers and dryers.

The store carries brand names such as Motorola, Coronado and Tappin. Besides the major appliances the firm also handles small appliances, toys, tires, and sporting goods.

The owners of Thompson's Gamble store wish the City of Belen a happy 50th anniversary.

(Advertising)

NEW RADAR SYSTEM

CAPE TOWN-An early warning radar system designed to give South Africa protective covering some 200 miles out to sea is under construction. Defense Minister Pieter W. Botha confirmed in answer to questions in Parliament that a Decca radar system was being installed, but withheld details for security reasons.

The Belen Federated Church was dedicated Feb. 12, 1911. At that time it was known as Evangelical Lutheran Church

Public Works

From the Belen News, April 26, 1934:

The CWA has done much towards helping out in Belen. It has carried many through the winter months who would otherwise have suffered real hardship, even though not all could be given jobs. Besides furnishing employment to several men it has helped to build up the city streets and park, which will be a credit to Belen.

At present there are five motels in Belen.

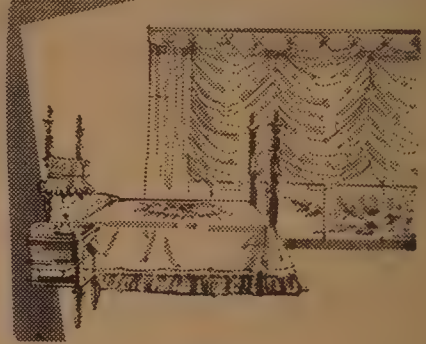
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Homecoming Game

From the Belen News, Nov. 1, 1945: According to George Seery, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Belen business places will close Friday afternoon from two to four for the homecoming game between Belen Eagles and St. Michael's Horsemen. The parade starts at one o'clock.

The first Belen fire truck was a 1921 model T. The truck had to be pushed on several occasions to get it started.

Signs Ordered

From the Belen News December 13, 1934: At the last regular meeting of the city council it was ordered to have caution signs and stop signs at the entrance of the city limits and intersections of Main Street, and the police force was ordered to enforce the speed limit and also the ordinance of stops at the intersections.

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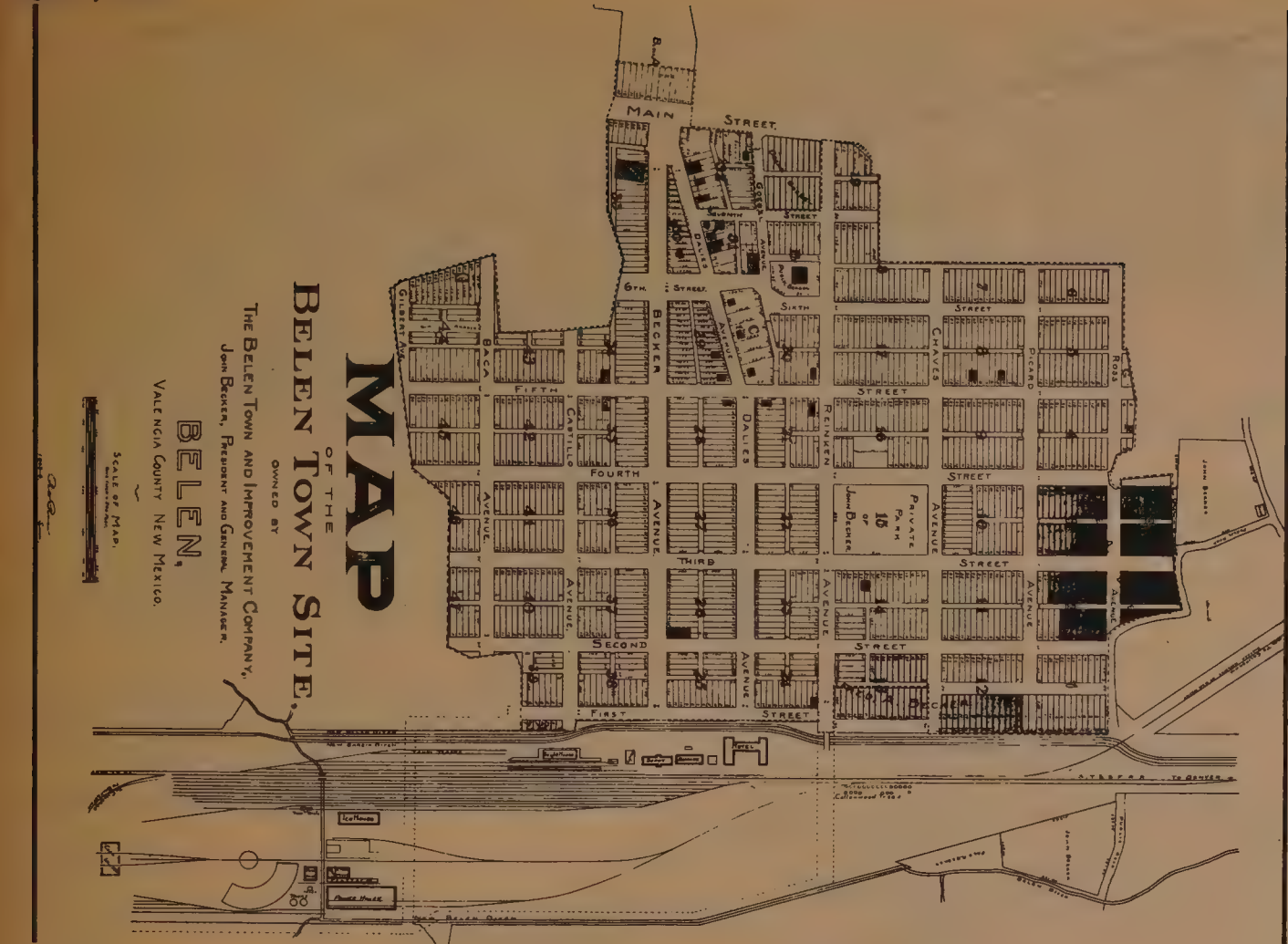
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MAP OF BELEN MADE IN 1903-1904--John Becker, one of the principal developers of the city of Belen, had this map made up in 1903 or 1904. The map shows the Belen Town Site and notes that it is owned by the Belen Town and Im-

provement Company, with John Becker as president and general manager. Principal streets of the city remain today as they were when this map was printed. Many of the buildings shown on this map have since been replaced or renovated.

Early - Day

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this job, even tho he carried it on the darkest nights. In those days the business houses stayed open until about 8 p.m.

Plate glass for store fronts was a risky business in those days, owing to flying stones and wild bullets. But, when the south wing of the Becker building was built it was equipped with large glass fronts, however, these were protected with steel roller blinds and so were quite safe from destruction. On a still night when these blinds were lowered they could be heard almost over the whole town, people then knew it was eight o'clock.

Life was rugged - Usually, in the spring of the year, an epidemic of smallpox would break out, since it was considered a children's disease

the natives would expose their children whenever possible, since, as they thought, they just had to have it. The only doctor lived in Los Lunas, who came down, mostly, only on call, since it was a tedious hour's drive by horse and buggy; besides, he probably was quite busy with the disease up there. A private telephone line built by Mr. L. Huning from his store in Los Lunas to his flour-mill in Esmeralda to his store in Belen to the Leins & Denkeney winery at the end of Didier Ave. facilitated the calling of the doctor.

Life was rugged - After my father bought the business from Mr. Huning and the new vacant postoffice building was of no further use, he conceived the idea of installing a bowling alley. The east wall was taken out and benches built along the other walls. The alley consisted of twelve

or fourteen 2 x 6's nailed together edgewise, the far end was flared out so as to accommodate the pins. The balls were smaller than the present ones, and did not have holes and were rolled from the palm of the hand. The backstop was an old cow hide strung up between posts. A "V" shaped gutter of 1 x 10's, slightly angled toward the players' end, served to return the balls. It was well patronized for some years. The pin-setter sometimes had to wear an overcoat in the late fall, or early winter, to keep warm. The bowlers took pity on him and frequently bought him a glass of beer as encouragement. A keg of beer was the usual accompaniment, and mother and the servant girl had to provide the sandwiches. The alley was protected from the stock in the corral by a barbed-wire fence.

The original Catholic Church was in the Old town of Belen, and was washed-out during one of the infrequent floods of the Rio Grande, built mostly of fieldstone and mud. The site was the mound close to the property of the late Festus Campbell. This mound was the result of the ruin after the flood, which occurred sometime in the early 70's. A discontinued practice of the Church was the annual procession when the child-Christ was returned to the Church. I recall the long processions, two lines, one on each side of the road with outriders shooting off their muzzle-loaders. I asked what the shooting was for and was told it was to keep evil spirits away. It seems that each year some other parishioner was given the honor of re-dressing the Child.

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BUCKLAND BROS. PHARMACY--This is the original picture of the Buckland Brothers Pharmacy, operated by the brothers until 1926. The store was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Atwood in 1951.

Buckland Pharmacy One Of Oldest In Belen; Established In 1901

Buckland Pharmacy was established in 1901 at 604 Dalies. The M. J. Johnson Insurance Agency occupies the building in which the drug store was first housed.

In 1903 the firm was purchased by the Buckland Brothers. The store was operated by Nelson Buckland until 1907 at which time Roy Buckland joined him. The business continued operation at that location until 1917 at which time it was moved to the building which houses it at present.

The store was operated by the brothers until 1926 when Nelson was killed. After that time Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buckland operated the store until 1951, at which time the firm was bought by its present owner Elmer Atwood.

The drug store is the oldest in the county and one of the oldest continuously operated in the state. Since its beginning the store has filled more than 600,000 prescriptions.

The store was remodeled both inside and out in 1957.

The store has had a Rexall franchise since 1912.

There were 3228 pupils enrolled in the Belen schools in 1967.

Some early village marshals were Ignacio Chavez and Elisio Sanchez.

Adolf Didier opened a winery in Belen in 1888.

The present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Atwood have two children and two grandchildren.

In addition to Mr. Atwood, the pharmacy employs Ray Sanchez as a pharmacist, Mrs. Ruth Herrig as a cosmetician, Ida Gallegos, Henry Serafin and several part time employees.

The store has passed through history under three owners and today is established as one of the oldest and most respected firms in the Valley.

On its 50th anniversary the owner and employees of Buckland's Drug Store wish the City of Belen a happy anniversary. (Advertising)

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First Monday in June, 1897

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The election will be held by Saturnino B. Henry Sacks and Profilo K. May Pin beginning at 8 a. m. and closing at 5 p. m.

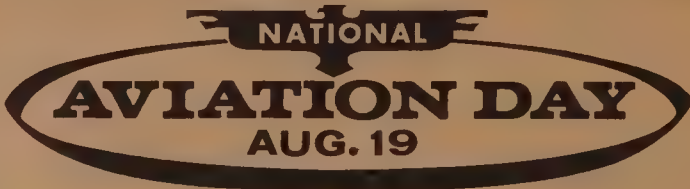
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ELECTION NOTICE--This notice of election was brought to the News-Bulletin by Tony T. Baca of 324 N. Mesa Road. He is the son of Teofilo Baca Y Pino, mentioned in the election notice. The bottom portion of the notice reads: In this election may vote all voters qualified to vote in general elections, except those that have not paid the poll tax for 1896.

100 Years

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Many of the centenarians had long memories, recalling their first day at school or their first visit to church. One woman of 102, living in Leicester, in the English Midlands, remembered "returning from my brother's funeral when I was 3 years old." Other earliest recollections included: Man aged 100, in Birmingham, Britain's second biggest city: "The day I took my first wages home to my mother - 3 shillings and sixpence (42 cents) for a week's work from 6 o'clock in the morning to 6 o'clock at night. I was then 11 years of age." Bristol man, aged 100: "Paying twopence (2 cents) to attend school, six miles walking there and back." South Wales woman, aged 100: "Having my first doll when I was 5 years old, wooden, costing about sixpence (6 cents). Asked about the major improvements they had seen more than a third (35 percent) plumped for the introduction of the welfare state in Britain (with care for everyone from womb to tomb). Others said transport (cars and aircraft) (13 percent); electricity (12 percent), and television, radio and films (7 percent). Other answers included roads, housing and medicine.



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A BIRD'S EYE VIEW of Belen in 1922 shows the intersection of Becker, Dalies and Main streets. Many of the buildings shown in the photo still remain today, the one major exception being the Belen Flour Mills which has been replaced by the First National Bank.

City To Install Lights For Protection

From The Belen News, Sept. 13, 1934:

Colored lights for police protection for the citizens of Belen were ordered installed by the city council at its regular meeting Monday night.

The lights will be installed on top the water tower and will be visible from all parts of the city. Persons wanting the services of the police force will call central on the telephone and the operator will turn on the switch.

New Uniforms for the police force have been ordered. The police force will devote all their time to enforce the laws instead of working part time on the streets, the council having appointed Gomisindo Gabaldon as street Superintendent.

A traffic ordinance for stop signs, and speed was read for the first time and will take effect after the next reading and publication.

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Indians Were In Belen Before Spanish Settlers Came In 1741

Although 1741 is when the Spanish settlers founded Belen as we know it today, records indicate that there were groups of Indians inhabiting this area for many years before that. In 1740 the Genizaro Indians were living at Belen in an area near the present day railroad roundhouse.

The settlement had been founded some years earlier as a refuge for displaced Indians or Genizaros. Before this it is believed that the Piro Pueblo Indians may have had a settlement in this area as early as 1608.

Spanish Conquistadore Onate is known to have traveled through this area in 1598 but his route most probably passed on the east side of the Rio Grande so he did not pass through the actual town site of Belen.

A petition for a grant of land was directed to Don Gaspar de Mendoza, Governor and Capitan General of New Mexico, by a group of Spanish settlers in the late 1730's. The petition was acted upon Nov. 15, 1740. Thirty-one Spanish settlers under the leadership of Capitan Diego de Torres and Antonio de Salazar received permission to settle 121,633 acres in the Rio Grande Valley.

On December 9, 1740, Capitan Torres representing the Belen group, took possession of the Belen Land Grant. The lands were bounded on the west by the Rio Puerco, on the east by the Sandia (Manzano) Mountains, in the north by Tome Hill and in the south, the lands ran as far as Sabinal.

The settlers founded Nuestra Senora de Belen in 1741 and began the task of making a living in the face of disputes to their claim to the land, Indian Wars and the desolate countryside.

The Spanish authorities recognized the strategic importance of Belen and established a fort here in 1760 for the protection of the missions and settlers in this area.

With the growth of the population in the area a church was

established in 1793 in Plaza Vieja (Old Town).

The area grew rapidly and early records show that over 1,400 persons lived in the area in 1797.

Mexico declared her independence in 1821 and annexed New Mexico as a territory of the new Republic.

The residents rejoiced at the prospect of a stable government and supported the new government. The Mexican rule lasted only 25 years, with the United States Army taking control of the area in 1846.

Through the years Belen continued to prosper and take an active part in the affairs of government. Floods destroyed the Catholic Church in 1855 and a new one was built in its present location in 1860.

The last Indian raid in the history of Belen occurred in 1864 when a band of Navajos swept through the town stealing livestock.

A post office was started and several mercantile stores were begun in the area in the 1870's, but the most important addition to the community was the coming of the railroad in 1880. In 1900 the population of Belen stood at 673 a small figure compared to earlier days.

The turn of the century saw Belen begin to renew its trend towards growth with the establishment of the First National Bank in 1903 and the building of the Belen cut-off by the Santa Fe Railroad in 1907. In 1910 the population stood at 1,733, an increase of 1,100 in 10 years. The expansion continued and in 1910 the first newspapers were printed in Belen and the Catholic church was rebuilt in 1917.

New Mexico was admitted to the Union in 1912 and Belen continued to progress with many of the civic organizations being started in this period. The most important event during this period was in 1918 when Belen was incorporated as a village. Continued growth was then the theme as Belen progressed to its present size and status as the Hub City.

ITEMS TAKEN FROM PAPER

The following items are taken from the Friday, March 27, 1891 issue of The Black Range. The Black Range was published every Friday at Chloride, New Mexico, by W.O. Thompson. At this time the Black Range was in its eighth year of publication.

The territorial board of education will meet at Las Cruces April 25th. The board will discuss the adoption of text books for the public schools.

The territorial penitentiary has one hundred and nineteen inmates, fifteen of whom are serving life sentences. Of the convicts confined therein, nine are females.

EARLY-DAY AIRPORT

From the Belen News, September 29, 1927:

Through the efforts of the Belen Chamber of Commerce, the Belen Land Grant deeded one square mile on the mesa west of the City of Belen for an airport. The location is a natural field and work of putting the field in shape will be commenced at once.

The aviation sign that was requested by Governor Dillon has been completed. The letters are eight and one-half feet high and the word is 40 feet long. It is estimated that this sign can be seen at an altitude of 2,000 feet.

The Valencia County Public Library Association issued its first book on July 7, 1953.



THE OUR LADY OF BELEN Catholic Church as it appears today.

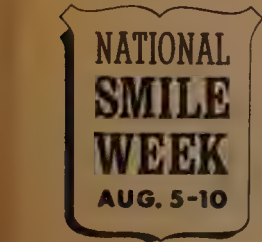
EAGLES SIGN WITH HIGHLANDS

From the News Bulletin, January 25, 1949:

Belen's Eagles will open their 1949 football season against Albuquerque's new High School, Highlands, at the public school stadium in the Duke City, Sept. 16, Athletic Director Dan C. Miranda announced today.

"We signed a two year contract this morning with Highlands opening Belen's 1950 season here" Mr. Miranda continued, "We feel honored in being selected to open the new school's football career," he added.

Highlands replaces Estancia on the Belen grid schedule.



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A NEW MEXICO ATTORNEY and historian, well known in Belen, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for magistrate, Division 3, Albuquerque. He is Gilberto Espinosa, above, co-author of El Rio Abajo, a history of the Valley area south of Albuquerque. Espinosa is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Delgado of Belen. He has been a practicing attorney in Albuquerque since 1921, serving 14 years as assistant U.S. Attorney in Albuquerque.

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Whereabouts Of Records Of Incorporation Are Unknown

Where are the incorporation papers for the City of Belen? A thorough search of city records, the records of the County Clerk, the records of the State Corporation Commission, and the archives in Santa Fe has failed to turn up any record of the incorporation.

The only substantial evidence that the event occurred other than the recollections of persons alive at that time, is a Village Ordinance 2. The ordinance which provides for a Village Seal states that the seal shall bear the words "Village of Belen Incorporated 1918."

In addition to the missing incorporation papers other city records are missing. The city council minutes prior to 1946 are not to be found and it was discovered during the recent codification of city ordinances that more than 50 ordinances were missing.

The question of the legal implications of the missing incorporation papers has been posed and according to former City Attorney Ted Howden there are no serious legal implications. The only way that some question could arise would be if some state official questioned the legality of the city.

What can be done about this? Several avenues are open to City Fathers. The city could apply to The State Corporation Commission for re-incorporation of the city, they could adopt a new charter, or a special bill in the State Legislature could be passed to establish the legality of Belen's existence. Of the methods proposed, the last is considered the easiest.

Still the question arises as to where the original papers are. It has been suggested that at one time or another the papers may have been entered in evidence in some court case involving disputes over land and that the papers are filed in some court. Many old documents have been discovered in collections of old personal papers and there is a chance that the city's incorporation papers will some day be discovered in this way. The question may never be resolved but it is assured that there are no legal implications and that the matter of re-incorporation would just be a formality.

A recent find in the City Managers office has further pinned down the dates of incorporation of the City.

The find is a map labeled "Plan Showing Location of Proposed Boundaries For Incorporation of Belen." The map is then dated Oct. 7, 1918. From this we may assume that the village was incorporated between this date and the end of that year. Thus Belen was incorporated some time between the 7th of October and the end of December 1918.

The map in its self is quite interesting. It has white lines on a blue background. The proposed city limits at that time include most of the area in the present day city limits.

The boundaries of the map, in addition to having the surveyor's marks, has several houses and landmarks as boundary markers. There are at least three houses on each side of the map that may be used as reference points.

The map on the back has the signature of Paul Dalies who was city clerk at that time.

The map was drawn by James C. Harvey, civil engineer.

Driver's Licenses

The following article from the Belen News, December 7, 1939: City Clerk Carl Halama has received the 1940 drivers license and will issue the same to persons having their 1939 license. You must present your old licenses in order to obtain the new one.

NEW DELHI-The first five months of 1968 had one of India's worst spells of rail disasters. Nine major accidents resulted in the death of 162 persons and injury to more than 250. Most were caused by speeding trains running into stationary ones.

City Purchased New Fire Truck In Dec., 1939

The following article from the Belen News, December 21, 1939:

Gibson was the lowest bidder when the city council met Monday afternoon to consider bids for a new fire truck for the city and a contract was signed for the purchase of a new American La France, 500 gallons, triple combination pumper truck.

The low bid was \$6,575.00 of which the city will pay \$2,100.00 down payment and the balance yearly.

Gibson, lowest bidder, offered to turn over his commission to the city, the same to be used by the city for the purchase of a new hose for the truck.

The hose body is of a capacity of 1200 feet of two and one-half inch hose, one hundred gallon water tank, equipped with twenty four foot extension ladder, ax, crowbar, two fire extinguishers and an electric siren warning signal.

Fire Chief Roy Buckland who had been urging the purchase of the new truck, stated that the local fire department would be in much better shape to handle the fire with the new equipment.

Caldwell Motor Company, bidding on the truck, stated before the bids opened they would turn their commission to the city.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa-If you think a snail's pace is slow, try the South African postal service a Johannesburg newspaper, the Star, suggested. A postcard mailed in the Cape Town in 1938 was delivered in Pilgrim's Rest in May this year, it reported.

"To cover the distance of 1,265 miles, the card traveled an average of 42 miles a year, 3 and one half miles a month or just over 200 yards a day," the newspaper said. "Zoologists in Johannesburg said this is slower than the pace of a snail, an animal which can move at least 250 yards each day."

Feil & Ellermeyer Store Is Celebrating 50th Anniversary

The history of the Feil and Ellermeyer store parallels that of the Becker-Dalies Store very closely. William F. Ellermeyer and Paul J. Feil were German immigrants as was John Becker. The two young men were brought to this country by Mr. Becker when he was on one of his frequent trips to Germany.

After serving as apprentices in the Becker store for several years the men started a dry goods store in Jarales in 1916. In 1918 they moved to Belen and to the Scholle store and began business. The Scholle store was located in the building known today as the Brentari Building.

In 1928 the store moved to its present location. During these early days trade was carried out in a much different fashion than we know today. Barter was one of the accepted forms of trade and each of the large mercantile stores

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - Fruitless years spent trying to interest teen-age schoolboys in poetry led a Johannesburg teacher to write his own material---poems dealing with machines, animals and war.

English teacher David Brindley has his own poetry for adolescent boys published because of "the total lack of suitable textbooks." Poems about machines, animals and war fascinated boys and helped overcome juvenile prejudice that poetry is "not only slightly effeminate," but also unrelated to reality, Brindley said.

had its own warehouse to store goods they received in trade. The Feil and Ellermeyer store at one time had a large alfalfa warehouse behind the store and did a large trade in farm machinery.

In 1951 Herbert Ellermeyer took over the managership of the store. In 1956 the store dropped many of its general merchandise items and as-

sumed its present line of merchandise.

The store was remodeled in 1963 and has continued to serve and grow with the community.

Today the store is owned by a partnership. The members of the partnership are Mrs. Louisa Ellermeyer and three of her sons, Herbert, Bill and Walter.

Located in the Main Shopping Center, the store also celebrates its 50th year in Belen as Belen celebrates its 50th year of incorporation.

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A BROAD VIEW OF the Belen swimming pool. The pool owned by Frank Garcia enjoyed by many of the citizens of Belen, was a favorite meeting place of the youngsters of the community.

Early -Day

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The Protestants had no church until about 1886 when they banded together and built their own Lutheran Church. This building also served as our school, where we were taught, among other things, the English language. In later years the belfry was added. The building is now the property of Ignacio Chavez; the belfry has been removed.

It might be well to explain about the river. In those early days the river bed was some four to five feet deep, in the intervening years the river has been silted up to where it is now as high as the town, consequently the levees. In those years there was much more rain and snow than there is now, and the winters were colder.

Life was rugged - Wood was the usual fuel for cooking and heating, the exception was the flour-mill, which used coal, and the Huning mill had water-power (when there was water) and on occasion, coal, which was rather costly, since it had to be hauled from the station in Los Lunas. To procure wood the native would remove the box from his wagon load on a half bale of hay, a few groceries for himself and take off. He would be gone four or five days, then return and sell the load for \$3.00 to \$4.00 and thought he was getting a good price. In those days the going rate for a day's pay was \$1.00; he usually

usually traveled 30 to 40 miles to the forests.

Rain! I have seen wagons loaded with farm-produce, almost hub deep in mud, coming down Main St. and drawn by three or four yoke of oxen. Even one of our early teachers got stuck in crossing Main St. from my home to the school; my uncle had to pull her out. Oh! that good old Gumbo mud.

Cemeteries - The original cemetery of the Catholic Church was just to the north of the Church building, between the church and the present school, another section was to the southwest of the church, which was for the poorer people, since a burial there did not cost so much. The old burial ground is now the playground for the school children; also serves as a parking lot during the church services. The few protestants in town had no cemetery, but, apparently, got permission from the Belen Grant Commission to use a plot of ground just west of the Catholic Church, across the old Belen ditch.

In later years the Catholic Church claimed this land and the Protestants were required to move so a plot of ground was procured northwest of town and most of the bodies from the old site were moved there. The old site became a gravel pit, and several old burials were uncovered; since there were no markers these could not be identified.

Water - Domestic water

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A VIEW OF THE DIVING AREA of the Belen Swimming Pool. The pool opened in the late 1920's was located at the corner of 14th and Reinken. Remains of the foundation of the pool may still be seen today.

Heads Of City Departments

The city of Belen today employs 47 persons to handle the job of running the community. Under the direction of City Manager Richard Aragon the following persons are heads of the various departments:

Bookkeeper, Nila Pena; Library, Norma Marlowe; Chief Water Clerk, Georgia Dodson; Water Superintendent, Horacio Chavez; Street Superintendent, Eddie Torres, Dog Warden, Gilbert Torres; Police Chief, Joe Gabaldon; Fire Chief, Paul Ray.

There are three hotels in Belen today.

Addition Made

From the Belen News, Dec. 13, 1934: B. L. Markus of the Fair Store has enlarged his building and increased the stock of the store. He has added the adjoining building formerly occupied by L. B. Putney.

Dramatic Western

From the Belen News, December 24, 1925: There is something about the mention of a western drama that makes one think of a villainous plot-- something with a hair-raising plot, and in "Wolves of The Road," an Arrow "Great Western" at the Central Theatre next Tuesday and Wednesday, the public will get their fill of thrills.

At one time the Belen park was a pond. This pond was covered by WPA workers in the 1930's.



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MANUEL GARCIA who served as Mayor of Belen from 1922 through 1930 is remembered by most as being the first Mayor of the community, even though Bernard Jacobson was the first to serve as Mayor. In this picture Garcia is shown wearing his sheriffs uniform.

Fire Sweeps Masonic Hall In July, 1955

From the News Bulletin, July 22, 1955:

Fire gutted the Masonic Hall last night, causing an estimated \$5,000 in damage to furniture and fixtures and about \$15,000 damage to the 45 year old building.

Most of the destruction occurred on the second floor in the assembly hall used by the Belen Bethlehem Lodge, DeMolay, Rainbow, Order of the Eastern Star and Ladies Society of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginmen organizations.

The fire believed to have started from spontaneous combustion, broke out in the northeast corner of the building, officials said. Lodge officials said ceremonial paraphernalia owned by various organizations and stored there was nearly wiped out.

An estimated 250 persons ringed the burning building last night, among them Paul Dalies, pioneer resident who was instrumental in constructing the two story brick building.



BELÉN TODAY--This scene shows the Main Street of the city as it appears today. Note the Flags that are flying. The flags are put up by the Chamber of Commerce during several civic and national events throughout the year.

Early-Day

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came from shallow wells and was hard as "nails." The water strata was in layers about five feet thick. One layer of gumbo, another layer of water-bearing sand in which the well point would be stopped so as to produce water.

At Five-points, just north of town in the vicinity of the Aragon Store, there were two spots where the ground was continually moist due to seepage from ground water, which was only about two feet deep. Since the Conservation Canals were dug the water level has dropped considerably.

I, personally, wanted soft water so I sank a well to 100 feet and got water so hard that it wouldn't cut soap. Thru this sandstone at 100 feet was soft water. Beans could cook all day and wouldn't get soft unless soda was added to the water. Pumps were usually outside and had to be thawed out in the winter, and in summer the handles got so hot that one had to use protection to keep from getting blisters. Bathing was done in wash tubs since there were no bathtubs, and, if there was a bath-tub, the drain was piped just to the outside of the room, since there were no sewers. In case of fire, bucket-brigades came in handy, as was the case of the Felipe Chavez residence, which incidentally, was saved in this

manner.

The natives got around the hard water situation by filling pails and ollas or other receptacles with water from the river; since this water was muddy and full of silt they just let it set for a while until the sediment settled to the bottom. It really never was clear, but was drinkable and good for laundry, and best of all, it was soft.

In those early days it was custom to empty sewage into the nearest river, and this was what Albuquerque did, which, I believe, was the only town in the state, (territory) that enjoyed a sewer system at that. Incidentally, water can be cleared quickly by swishing a bruised cactus leaf (prickly pear) thru the water.

Sheep - During the dry season sheep would be driven down to the river from the mountains, not only for water but also for grazing. We kids down at the river for swimming or fishing, would see the flocks being herded toward the mountains, so we would hunt in the gullies for strays, occasionally finding one or two lambs and occasionally a grown sheep, which was petered out. At that time, a sheep could be bought for \$1.00.

Fiestas - The annual Fiesta in August, in those days lasted only a day and a half. John Becker had a porch the length of his store, approximately 8 ft. wide and some 150 ft. long; this was divided into

sections of about 10 ft. for rental purposes for the various gambling games which were permitted at that time.

"Chusas" was a very popular sport then. This consisted of a round table with the bottom slanted toward the center at which point there was a well with some twelve or more sticks radiating upward around the periphery; these sticks were cupped on the upper ends to catch the marbles that were used in the game.

The player would get a handful of these marbles and whirl them one at a time, or a handful at once, having made a bet with the operator that there would be an even number caught on the sticks. Onlookers would bet among themselves as to the outcome, odd or even.

Our first experience with the then new Talking machine This fellow had a cylinder machine with eartubes. For 10 cents one could hear the

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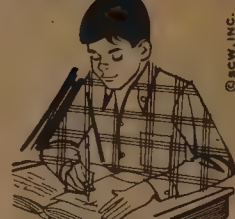
From the Belen News, Dec. 6, 1928:

The Jarales public school three miles southeast of Belen was destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning, leaving children without any building to have their school work continued this week.

According to reports the fire started when the furnace heated up and the ceiling caught fire.

F. R. McNeill was the first garbage inspector in Belen.

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TAKEN IN THE MIDDLE 1950's--This photo shows many of the businesses we know today. Also shown are the newly installed street lights and angle parking on Main Street. Many of the buildings shown however have been remodeled.

Belen Water, Sewer System Ready 1929

From the Belen News, Jan. 31, 1929:

Belen's home owned water plant is practically ready and water is to be turned into the pipes this week. Work on the sewer system was started a little over two years ago and the total expenditures of both sewer and water system is about \$235,000.

The first contract of the sewer system was given to the Roy Irick Construction Company of Plainview, Texas, and later the completion of the sewer and water system was given to the New Mexico Construction Company of Albuquerque. The system was built under the supervision of James N. Gladding of Albuquerque.

The water system, including the distributing lines, reservoir and pumps cost approximately \$100,000 and the cost of the sewer lines is about \$135,000.

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The local branch of the New Mexico Power Company furnished the pumps and wells for the water supplies.

Having the advantage of the water system and the sewer system will help to build the city rapidly. Several new buildings are under construction on Main Street and more buildings will be started this spring.

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From the Belen News, April 26, 1923:

The Belen Water and Light Company, one of the recent additions to Belen, is nicely located in their new building in the east end of town, and are furnishing the people with very good service. The equipment is hardly complete at the present time, but rapid progress is being made in its installation and the citizens will soon have one of the most complete small town plants. The officers of this Company are: A. Frederickson, president; Ignacio Aragon y Garcia, vice-president; P. P. Simmons, secretary, and F.C.H. Livingston, treasurer.

Articles of incorporation of this company will soon be filled and the corporation proper will take up the affairs of the company about the first of June.

Early village marshals were Henry Sachs Sr. and Henry Jaramillo Sr.

Belen Dairymen Want Dairy Code

From the Belen News, Feb. 1, 1934:

The dairymen of Belen were very anxious to form a dairy code of their own or be admitted to the Bernalillo county milk shed. With the help of the Extension Dairymen, an amendment in the form of a petition was presented to a committee of the Bernalillo County Dairy Association.

This action of this committee was favorable, and the matter will now go before the entire association for their approval. If it is favored there, it will be presented at the court hearing.

If the milk code is approved by the Federal agency, Valencia County will be included in the production area and the towns of Belen and Los Lunas and the suburban areas of each will be included in the sales area of each.

Mr., Mrs. Richard Ealy Open Jewelry Store Here In 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ealy came to Belen from Albuquerque in 1950 and established their own jewelry store.

Before coming to Belen, Mr. Ealy was employed by the Frank Mindlin Company, jewelers, in Albuquerque, for ten years.

Like his father before him, who was a jeweler in Wisconsin for many years, Dick Ealy has spent his entire life in the jewelry business.

Dick is a graduate of Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Horology Department, Peoria, Illinois, and is a Certified Master Watchmaker, having received such certification from the Horological Institute of America, Washington, D.C. in 1937.

Dick Ealy is also a diamond setter and goldsmith.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ealy were reared in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and came to New

Mexico in 1936, at which time he was employed by May Brothers, Jewelers, at Clovis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ealy are members of the First United Presbyterian Church of Belen. Richard Ealy has been a member of the Masonic Lodge since 1938, and Mrs. Ealy has been a member of the Order of Eastern Star since 1938 also. They are members of the Retail Jewelers of America, and the New Mexico Watchmakers and Jewelers Association.

Dick is also a member of the Belen Art League, since the art of oil painting is his hobby.

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John Becker Founded First Bank To Serve Belen Area

Banking in Belen dates back to 1902 when John Becker founded the First National Bank of Belen in a small wire cage in the rear of his general merchandise store. Starting with 38 depositors and \$25,000 in capital stock, the bank today has deposits of over \$119,000,000 and capital stock of \$5,000,000.

When the bank was founded, the cashier was the janitor who opened the premises and swept out at 7 o'clock in the morning, went home to breakfast and returned to his duties as teller, auditor, cashier, clerk, secretary, loan man, office manager, and what-have-you. Concluding his duties at 10 p.m., banking hours were held at whatever time you could catch the cashier.

John Becker founded the bank. He incorporated the business and the charter was issued on Feb. 15, 1903. Associated with Mr. Becker in starting the bank were Joshua Reynolds, Mathew Flourney, Herbert Reynolds, John Reynolds, and Robert E. Frost. Times were not always good in the banking business. There were some robberies and thefts, and the 1907 depression and another in 1929.

In January, 1904, the young bank moved from the wire cage in the Becker store to a new location. Directors authorized construction of a new bank building in 1907, the depression year and set aside \$10,000 for this purpose. But the new building was not started until 1913, and completed at a total cost of \$6,675.

In 1914 the premises were occupied until the construction in 1961 of the new bank building. The building was remodeled and substantially enlarged in 1951.

In 1933 when President Roosevelt declared a bank moratorium the Belen bank was one of the few banks in the state to stay open for regular business. They kept the doors open and conducted business against the clamor of the public for their funds.

By 1912 the bank had assets of \$198,659.04 with deposits of \$146,922.16. The bank continued to grow and serve the Belen area as the only bank in the area until October of 1960 when Ranchers State Bank was incorporated. Ranchers was started with the idea of providing full bank service according to President Henry Jaramillo Jr.

Started with a capital stock of \$350,000 in 1960 the bank today has capital stock of \$4,500,000. According to Jaramillo the bank has lead county banks in growth dollar wise. The locally owned bank has more than 80 stockholders at present.

First National Bank moved into its present building in 1960. Since that date both banks have expanded with the introduction of branch banks. First National has branch offices in Los Lunas, Mountainair and Bosque Farms while Ranchers has a branch office in Valencia.

Belen Fireman

From the Belen News, May 24, 1934:

The city volunteer fire department will send four representatives to the annual firemen's convention to be held in Roswell on May 28th, 29th, and 30th.

Those chosen by the local association to represent them at the convention are Walter Gobel, Martin Quintana, Andrew Calhoun and Samuel Bustamante. The alternates are Walter Garrett and Joe Garcia.

DANGEROUS JOB

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa—A postman's lot is not a happy one in South Africa's largest city. The Johannesburg Post Office reports that since January, 11 of its 600 letter carriers were bitten by dogs, one tumbled over pipes in a new building and another fell four flights after slipping on a banana peel. Five others had mishaps on delivery scooters including one postman who collided with a car while watching a pretty girl in a mini-skirt.

Lovett Insurance Agency Is Celebrating 25th Anniversary

The Lovett Insurance Agency at 824 Castillo in Belen is 25 years old as Belen goes into its 50th year. The agency was begun in 1943 by Austin Lovett who is now president and general manager of the Becker-Dalies Company.

Since the firm was begun in 1943 they have been the local agents for St. Paul Insurance and Hartford Insurance. A recent addition to the line of insurances offered by the agency is the Continental Insurance Company. The firm handles all types of insurance and is described as a general insurance agency.

Austin Lovett graduated from the University of Kansas

before coming to Belen. United States Army Reserve. Lovett is married to the former Dorothy Dalies. Both Gerald and his father have served as president of the Belen Chamber of Commerce and are active in the affairs of the community. Austin and Gerald are both members of Rotary and Austin was president of the organization at one time.

Gerald is a graduate of New Mexico Military Institute and The University of New Mexico. While at the University, Gerald majored in business administration. The firm is one of the oldest established insurance agencies in the area and is celebrating its 25th anniversary as Belen moves into its 50th year of incorporation.

Gerald served in the Army and was stationed in Germany and at present still holds a commission as major in the (Advertising

Farmers Show Interest In County Fair

From the Belen News, September 2, 1937:

The eighth annual Valencia County Fair will soon be under way, and the farmers over the county are making preparations to exhibit their products, on September 17th and 18th and seem to be taking more interest than has been demonstrated heretofore for the county fair.

There will be nine departments in which premiums will be offered in their different branches. In the livestock department are listed horses, mules, cattle, sheep, hogs and goats. The department of hay, grain and other field crops, there are 25 items listed to receive prizes. The poultry department will offer prizes in all breeds, special, turkeys and rabbits.

The vegetable department will offer prizes for different varieties in melons, pumpkins, root vegetables, onions, potatoes, chili, garden truck and miscellaneous.

In the boys and girls club projects, many prizes will be awarded under the branches of garden clubs, boys poultry club, pig club, calf club, record keeping club, 1st year cooking club, 2nd year cooking club, 1st year baking, 1st year canning, 1st year home improvement, 1st year sewing, 2nd year sewing, county school exhibits and sporting events.

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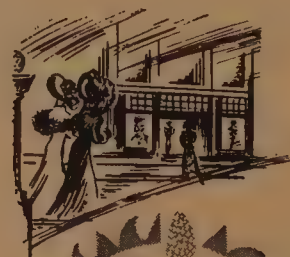
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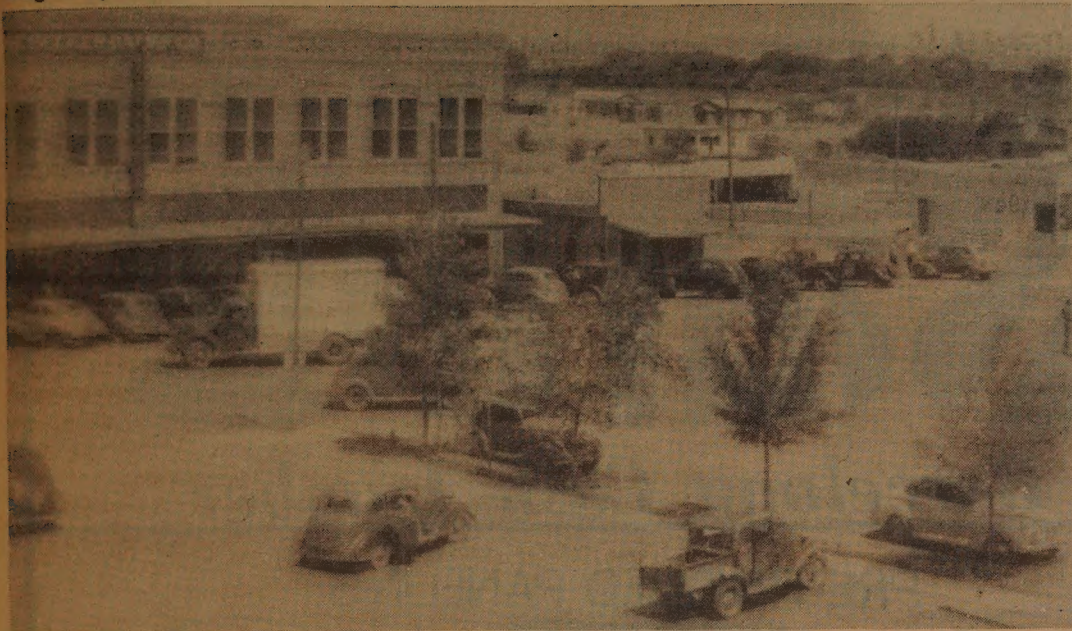
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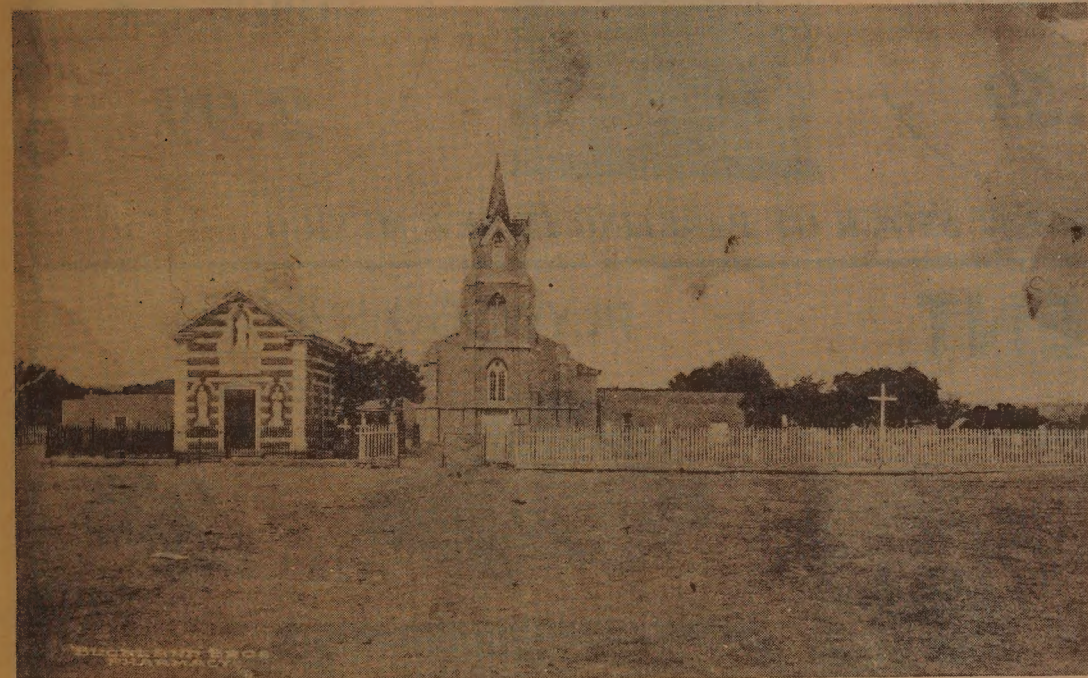
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THIS PHOTO TAKEN in the late 1940's shows a familiar view of downtown Belen and in the background some of the residential area of the community.



THE OUR LADY OF BELEN Catholic Church as it appeared in the early 1920's. The church had been remodeled in 1917 and greatly enlarged. The church remains today much the same as it was then.

Early-Day
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voice, or music on a cylinder; he sure "cleaned up" that year. Several dance tents were in order on those days as well as bar tents, and the usual concessions. There were no regular bars in those days. On one occasion we boys stopped one crooked spinner game. This one put silver dollars between the pins, ones, twos and so on, up to ten dollars. We noticed that the operator had a stack of dollars under his hand which he played with until the arrow was about to stop, then he would apply a little pressure to stop the arrow between empty pins. We offered to play if he would remove his hand from the stack of dollars, needless to say, he wouldn't. But that was the last time he came to Belen.

Two Fires This Week
From the Belen News, June 7, 1928:
The local fire department this week responded to two fire alarms, both being on Tuesday morning.
The first call came from the north part of town where a pile of wood was placed by the wall of a garage...The firemen succeeded in putting out the flames in about five minutes.
The second fire started about an hour later in one of the second floor rooms of the Didier building, and after an hours work, the fire department put out the fire.

MRS. WINS MISS TITLE
PHOENIX, Ariz.-If there's a shortage of pretty misses in Arizona, it could be because they're so good looking they all have husbands.
That, at least, seemed to be the case confronting the sponsors of the Arizona Home Beautiful Show as they presented the title of Miss Home Beautiful to Mrs. Marlene Skiba.

BREAKFAST BREAK
SHERIDAN, Wyo.-The person who broke into a Sheridan cafe apparently was more hungry than larcenously inclined.
Sheridan police said someone broke into the cafe through a small window, fried two eggs, ate four sweet rolls and opened a can of grapefruit juice.
Nothing else was missing.

Several Businesses Emerge From Bakery Shop In 1945

In 1945 a small bakery was opened at 239 N. Main Street by Gil Sanchez. Today in a building five times as large, Mr. Sanchez operates a bakery, a Dining Room, a coffee shop and a flower shop.

A year after the bakery was opened the business was expanded and a coffee shop serving sandwiches and doughnuts was opened. The business continued to expand and in the early 1950's Gil's became a restaurant offering complete meals.

Today the restaurant is supplemented by a large dining room suitable for large banquets and private parties. Several civic organizations and clubs also make use of the

large dining area as a meeting place.

Two and a half years ago a flower shop was added and became an integral part of the business.

Mr. Sanchez is a native of Belen and a graduate of Belen High School. In addition to running his business, Mr. Sanchez is active in the affairs of the community and has served in high positions in many of the organizations of which he is a member. Through the years he has aided the Boy and Girl Scouts, served on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and as president of the Chamber. He served on the City Council for two terms and is presently a member of the Belen School Board, a position he has held for 16 years. Mr. Sanchez has been a member of the Knights of Columbus

for many years and served as Grand Knight for two years.

In addition to his many civic activities and his business, he and his wife have raised four children, two daughters, Mrs. Gary Elkins and Mrs. Richard Pena, and two sons, Raymond who is a lawyer and Mike just entering college.

At present Mr. Sanchez is running for the office of Magistrate, Democrat, District Two. With his years of experience and work in the areas of business and dealing with people Mr. Sanchez feels that he is well qualified to serve as Magistrate. Mr. Sanchez feels that his years of dealing with people, his self education in the field of business, and his active work in the affairs of the community well qualify him for this important post.

The owner of Gil's Coffee Shop at this time would like to wish the City of Belen a happy 50th Anniversary.

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Belen Wins Contest From St. Mary's

From the Belen News, October 4, 1923:

Belen won a closely contested game from St. Marys Saturday by a score of six to nothing. Capt. Ben Rutz of Belen won the toss and chose to receive the ball, defending the south goal. A little hard luck at the first of the game caused Belen to lose possession of the ball.

St. Marys made two end runs which put them on Belen's five yard line, but when the crisis was reached St. Marys found Belen's line like a stone wall. This seemed to put new fight into the Belen eleven and the rest of the game there was no doubt of the outcome.

Coach Barnes has rounded the boys into shape and at present they look like a real football team, and are still working hard in preparation for their game with the strong Albuquerque High School team this coming Saturday. If the Belen boys prove themselves strong against the Albuquerque High, then they stand a good chance of getting the state championship.

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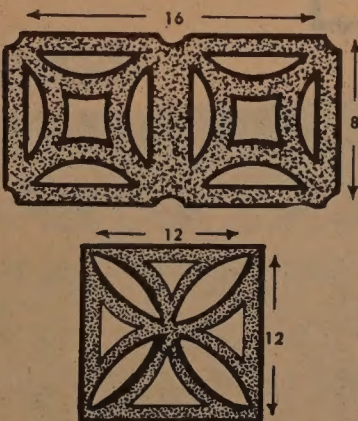
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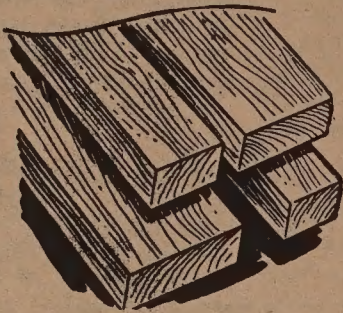
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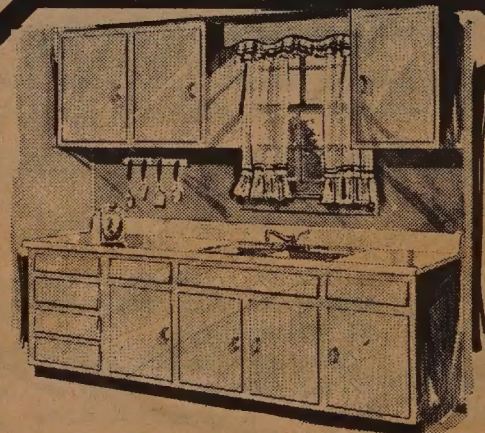
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